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### PERIPATETICO.

There is much said just now about the instability of opinion, political or otherwise. People have no longer the firm grasp of beliefs that they once had—the strength of faith that came in with the old Puritan blood, and seems in danger of dying out as that blood grows thinner in the veins of successive generations. Fidelity to an honestly established opinion is, in too many cases, a dead letter, void and of none effect as far as an honest working out and adherence to that opinion is concerned. Most especially is this true in regard to political opinions and faith in the honesty of the press. The confidence one feels in editorial work is now in most instances very slight. Thirty years ago business men and even politicians went to the leaders of their favorite journals for advice and sound theories, very much as they went to their pastor for spiritual help. They took up their New York Tribune to "see what Greeley said," with faith to believe that they would get sound speech consistently observed, and were not disappointed. It is too often that in these days those who should be the leaders of public opinion have themselves no vantage ground, but are blown about by every wind of doctrine, influenced by personal considerations, or made a cat's paw of by every ingenious monkey who desires his own particular chestnuts with no disconfor to himself. It is certainly somewhat humiliating that in this epoch of culture and progress, there should not be some fearless men who can put party claims and selfish ends behind them, and be loyal to the best that is within themselves and their world.

Scrubner's for March begins an exceedingly good number with a narrative of "A College Camp at Lake George," which, to those acquainted with that charming region, will bring back the most pleasant reminiscences of enchanted days and restful nights at every turn, as well as of the free and easy enjoyment belonging to field and flood in summer days. R. G. Hatfield follows with an account of the "Old Mill" at Newport, in which he attempts to show that the building was anciently intended for a baptistery, in proof of which he adduces the plans of the baptisteries at Bonn, Arzago, and Asti. "Haworth's," and "Falconberg" have additional installments, and the short story of the number is one by Frank R. Stockton, "Pomona's Bridal Trip," and an exceedingly bright and funny story it is too. Pomona will be remembered as having taken the helm at Rudder Grange in a previous number. The literature of memorial poems is increased by four contributions on Bayard Taylor; these, with a poem called "Heart of Sorrows," a sonnet, "Success" by Emma Lazarus, and "October Snow," by George Parsons Lathrop complete the number.

Perhaps the Peripatetic might go farther as regards this matter of opinion and speak of the loose-jointedness of many of our judgments. Not that they are not decided or preservingly held to, but they require so much bolstering up before they assume the proportions of bona fide opinions. Mr. Howells has spoken of the aptness of Bostonians to refine their criticisms and shrink from a final impression; it seems that a more common habit and a much more weak-minded one is the passion for criticism by comparison. Nothing is individual but relative: an actor does well or poorly because he does better or worse than another. We hear so often, "Do you like Mr. Brown's preaching?" "Yes; but not as well as Mr. Smith's," whereas there is no need whatever of dragging Mr. Smith into the fray. The former is either able or not; what he is, he is, in and of himself, and though Mr. Smith speaks with the tongues of men and of angels, it does not belittle his confrere in the least. It has sometimes been stated as a philosophical fact that we know the worth of nothing absolutely, but only by comparison. This the Peripatetic holds, is true in one way, and that amounts to the fact that we each one of us have our ideas how any special thing shall be done, and by comparing the actual deed with this, we may make our criticism; this being the only way by which we may make it fair and just. It seems an unworthy triumph to have done a thing only better than another, and the Peripatetic believes that one should be judged, and stand or fall by absolute individual merit or demerit; to which the familiar says, "So mote it be!"

The St. Nicholas for the current month is as varied and sprightly as ever. The frontispiece illustrates "An Adventure on an Iceberg," and Hiram E. Scudder tells the story of "The Obstinate Weathercock." "Eyesight" is continued, as is also "A Jolly Fellowship," and "Rumpty Dudget's Tower" is completed. Mrs. E. T. Corbet has an amusing little poem, "Dick's Supper," and Bessie Hill one on "Eloom." "Pets from Persia" will be interesting to all devotees of cats and kittens, and the "Mechanical Pig-eon" to those of an inventive turn of mind. "Nannie's Little Muff" is for the benefit of the inquisitive, and two instructive articles are on "The Renaissance" and "The American Mardi-Gras." J. W. De Forest gives a poem about "The Plaything Sky" and Palmer Cox one about "The Wasp and the Bee." "Jack-in-the-Pulpit" too has his usual amount of correspondence and good advice.

A GRAVE ROBBED.—Six years since a man by the name of Beadle was severely kicked by a horse and died soon after, presumably from some internal injury. For some reason it was decided not to bury him beside his wife, whose death occurred sometime before his own, and whose grave was elsewhere, so that the body was taken for interment to a small graveyard nearly upon a line between Pittsfield and York. Through some misunderstanding the grave was not ready at the appointed time and the corpse was therefore taken into a schoolhouse adjoining, where it was faithfully watched during the night, receiving burial the following day. The children of the deceased recently purchased a lot in Hillsdale, and having removed thither the remains of their mother, came a short time since to convey to the same place those of the father and husband. Upon opening the grave, however, the coffin was found to be empty except for the garments in which the body had been made ready for burial, and which were carelessly rolled together. The supposition is that the grave was robbed immediately after the interment, and certain suspicious circumstances corroborate the opinion.

The young men who watched with the body during the night when it lay in the schoolhouse, related that in the course of the night a wagon drove up to the graveyard and stopped. They, however, remained quietly at their post, imagining the possible errand of the midnight visitors, and ready to defend their trust if need was.

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AT THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE,

Harper's Magazine for March opens with the first of a series of papers upon "Present Tendencies of American Art," by S. G. Benjamin, which form a kind of sequel to the series upon "Contemporary Art in Europe" recently published. In the present paper the new impetus lately given to American art is commented upon and the work

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### MICHIGAN.

The Grand Encampment I. O. O. F. of Michigan met at Jackson Wednesday evening.

Reuben Hoover, of Flushing, Genesee county was killed by the ears near Buffalo. He was 22 years old and unmarried.

Herman John was killed near Port Hope on Monday by a tree falling on him. He leaves a wife and three children.

David Whaler was killed by a falling tree in a lumber camp in Clare county on the 11th. He was 42 and came from Washington country.

Dr. David Ward, of Pontiac, bought last week the Dunkirk, Chautauqua Lake and Corry Railroad, 55 miles in length, for seventy-five thousand dollars. Originally the road cost three million dollars, and already the new proprietors have been offered fifty thousand dollars for their bargain.

At the Republican legislative caucus Thursday evening the Hon. Zachariah Chandler was nominated for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Christiany. He received 69 votes to 19 for Ex-Governor Bagley, and the nomination was afterwards made unanimous.

An explosion occurred Thursday morning in the chemical works of R. H. Emerson & Co., at Jackson, demolishing the establishment and fatally scalding the engineer, Henry Kreger.

The Ionia Circuit has sentenced Geo. Wilber, the boy who recently shot another boy with whom he had a quarrel, to eight years in the intermediate prison on his plea of guilty of manslaughter.

The State association opposed to secret societies, is called by the executive committee to meet in Adrian, February 26 and 27.

At Rosemon, a man named Fred Brown was accidentally shot by one Mike McGovern. The latter was fooling with a seven-shotter, shooting it to be empty, and after snapping it a score of times it was discharged, the ball entering Brown's head about three-fourths of an inch below the temple, causing a severe though not necessarily fatal wound.

The Great Trunk ferry boat International at Port Huron was finally released from an imprisonment of over two weeks in the ice. This was done by blowing up the ice in which she was wedged all around her.

A party of pioneers of Clinton County was recently made up with a view to a pleasant trip to California in May or June.

Preparations are being made to bring about 300 tons of coal to the surface daily in Corunna, in order to supply the increasing demand.

Romeo has raised \$27,000 of the \$30,000 required to make that town the county seat of old Macomb.

Battle Creek is said to be the third city in the State in the amount of mail forwarded from their postoffice. The Adventist Publication House is responsible for this, together with the advertising publications of their manufacturers.

Wm. H. English & Co.'s shingle and flour mill at St. Charles, Saginaw county, at about \$5,000, was burned on the 12th. Partially insured.

Chas. Lewis was killed in a logging camp in Sheridan, Montcalm county, on the 10th, by a log rolling upon him and crushing his head. He leaves a wife and three children.

The next state band tournament is to be held at Port Huron in June, and the preliminary work has already begun. It is claimed that the place was fixed at the time of the last tournament in Lansing.

The wooden portion of the Huron House at Port Huron was burned on Thursday night, being set on fire. It contained 30 sleeping rooms, and the occupants barely escaped with their lives, losing everything. Loss estimated at \$8,000, insured.

The annual calendar of the University for the current college year shows an aggregate of 1,372 students in attendance, being considerably more than in any other college of the same capacity in America. Of the whole number 411 are in the literary department, 406 in the law, 322 in the medical, 71 in pharmacy, 63 in homoeopathy, and 62 in dental school.

On Monday, at Saginaw City, Temperance Hall, a two story building erected by the Reform Club, was dedicated. Dr. H. A. Reynolds assisting. The public hall is in the second story and seats 700 people.

The Fish Commissioners on Thursday deposited thirty thousand California salmon in the River Raisin.

The President has nominated George C. Cobb postmaster at Detroit.

No less than 13 boys between 9 and 13 were arrested last week in Hancock, Lake Superior, for petty burglaries and larcenies. So much for allowing boys to roam the streets day and night.

The branch road which is to leave the Flint & Pere Marquette half a mile west of Coleman station, Midland county, and extend to Mount Pleasant in Isabella county, a distance of about 20 miles, seems to be an assured fact. We learn that operations on the line will commence shortly.—[Saginaw Courier.]

In the wrestling match between Wm. Miller, of New York, and J. H. McLaughlin, of Detroit, which took place at Boston Saturday evening, McLaughlin won, throwing Miller in the first and third bouts. The match was for \$500 a side and door money. About 1,500 persons witnessed the contest, the tickets being \$1 each.

L. D. Halstead, of Coldwater, has just made a large sale of furs to a London house. The consignment consisted of 6,354 muskrat skins, 534 skunk, 322 coon, 2 black bear, 9 fox, and 100 mink skins. This is his second shipment within a few months.

Garry Spear, a farmer of Casnovia, shot himself through the head with suicidal intent Sunday, and lived but a few hours.

Miss Pearl Morrill, working at the Potter House, Potterville, died early Monday morning from the effects of poison taken during the previous night.

The Port Huron Commercial states that it is twenty-eight years since so much ice has settled on the St. Clair River as now.

H. B. Foney received \$1,000 for the right 30,000 California salmon fry for the Saginaw River and deposited the same in the Case Bank, three miles above its junction with the Saginaw. The young fish are furnished by the Michigan Fish Commission.

Senator Chandler gave a reception at the Lansing House in Lansing, Tuesday evening which was attended by over 600 people.

Portage Lake Mining Gazette: Mr. Shaffer, the postmaster at Baraga, has been complained of to the postmaster at Washington, because he refused to send four pounds of Hercules powder by mail from that point to Greenland, Ontonagon.

Minerva Grimes, a young woman of Grand Rapids, has committed suicide by taking morphine. All efforts of the doctors to preserve her life were unavailing.

A mysterious disease is said to have broken out at Silver Islet, from which a large number of persons have died. It is some kind of a malignant fever, in which the spinal column seems to be much affected.

A railroad disaster occurred near Selma, Ga., Tuesday. The passenger train from there on the Selma, Rome and Dalton road fell through a rotten bridge over Mulberry Creek. One white man, named George Evans, and four negroes were killed. Superintendent Stanton, and Conductor White were fatally injured. Ten or 12 persons were severely hurt. The train is a perfect wreck, having fallen over 50 feet into the water. Mr. Stanton, Superintendent of the road, was fatally injured. Conductor White was badly hurt, and all the passengers were more or less injured.

At the burial of Ashburton Webster at Marshfield last week the lid of the casket containing the remains of his grandfather—the great statesman Daniel Webster—was opened, and his face, the body having been embalmed, was perfectly recognizable.

## GENERAL NEWS.

The commission appointed by President Hayes to test the standard weight and fineness of the coins, issued at the several mints during the past year began its labors at Philadelphia Wednesday.

A Bodie (Cal.) dispatch says that the Mechanics' Union are on a strike for an increase of wages and a reduction of hours. The union paraded the streets, and compelled the miners to shut down until their terms are acceded to. The Bodie company and a number of others have stopped work. The superintendent of the Monaco mine barricaded the works. The union gave them two hours to remove the barricades or take the consequences. There is great excitement.

Judge Baxter, of the United States Circuit Court, has appointed Thos. J. Latham receiver to take charge of the effects of the late city of Memphis, including taxes unpaid, amounting to nearly \$3,000,000, with power to sue and collect in any way, by garnishment or otherwise. All creditors are ordered to come in to make themselves parties, and file claims on or before the third Monday of May next. The appointment was made on a bill filed by Tamm and Sneed, attorneys, representing nearly \$2,000,000 claims against the city. Other creditors have consolidated their causes, making a total exceeding \$2,500,000.

Carling's brewery, at London, Ont., the largest in America, burned Thursday morning. Loss two hundred thousand dollars; insurance one hundred thousand dollars. A fireman Reeves was killed.

The "New York Tattealls" was burned on Thursday night with over sixty of the eighty horses in the stables. Some of the animals were valuable roadsters. Two firemen were severely injured.

The building of the Rogers Locomotive Works, at Paterson, N. J., used as a millwright shop and for storage of patterns and models of locomotives in all parts of the world, and filled with machinery costing \$125,000, burned Thursday night. Total loss, \$210,000, insurance \$25,000. The flames spread to the factory of Barbour Bros., and the building and contents were burned. Loss estimated at \$35,000; insured.

Secretary Sherman, in his letter to the House states that the estimates of expenditures for the next fiscal year amounts to \$562,419. The estimated receipts are: From taxes, \$133,000,000; from internal revenue, \$105,000,000; from miscellaneous sources, \$18,500,000; total \$257,500,000 leaving a deficiency of \$27,062,419.

The Canadian parliament at Ottawa was opened by the Marquis of Lorne, Friday. The Princess, on arriving at the parliament building, was received with a royal salute. The Governor General who soon followed, had the vice regal salute. The princess occupied the seat on the throne.

Three hundred feet of track of the Mine Hill branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, caved Friday, without a moment's warning, into the workings of the Richardsons colliers near Glen Carbon. It will take several months to fill the cavity and have the road in order.

The Pottsville, (Pa.) Miner's Journal has published a letter of President Cowan, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, exposing the secrets of the organization known at the "Knights of Labor," which have been in existence in Schuylkill county over a year. He says the general miner's strike was organized by the society to take place February 16, in case the men were not paid wages by that time, but postponement was ordered until the 20th by which time all will be paid. He gives the names of the committee called "McNulty's gang," appointed and organized for the purpose of burning coal-breakers and other property in case of a strike, and gives other details of the organization. The publication of the letter creates a sensation only second to the exposure of the notorious Molly Maguire society.

In the United States Circuit Court in New York, the judge has directed a verdict for the plaintiff for four hundred and forty-two thousand dollars in the suit of the People's Savings Bank, Providence, against the estate of the late Elvira Hoyt, of the firm of Hoyt, Sprague & Co. The action was to recover the difference between the amount and the loan and the proceeds of the sale of the security.

The large flouring mill of Parks & Best, Litchfield, Ill., burned Sunday, together with its contents. Loss \$50,000.

The Nevada Assembly has adopted a concurrent resolution urging the President to sign the Anti-Chinese bill, which passed the Senate Saturday.

Judge McKenna of the United States Circuit Court has appointed Oliver Ames, Mass., receiver of the \$2,900,000 note in litigation in Boston, given by the Union Pacific Railroad Company to the Credit Mobilier.

R. H. Chillon, Adjutant-General of Gen. Lee, and since the war president of the Columbus Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Miss., fell dead at his desk Tuesday. Age 60.

**FOREIGN NEWS.**

A Liverpool dispatch says: Trade here is quite paralyzed by the strike, which has now extended to the carters and the whole body of carpenters, some of whom were already off strike. The strike among sailors has become more general, and great difficulty is experienced in obtaining crews, save at increased rates. Yesterday several ships were awaiting crews, and the men were firm. It is stated that there were 35 grain laden ships at Queenstown, and that the owners don't know where to send them. Meanwhile the grain may be heating in the vessel holds and prove valueless. There are many reports of intimidation by dock laborers and others to prevent men from working.

The German Reichstag was opened at Berlin Wednesday, by the Emperor William in person. In his speech from the throne he said that he thanked the members for assisting in the suppression of the socialist agitation, and hoped they would continue to support the government as far as was necessary for the cure of the socialistic evil.

Referring to the customs policy of the government the Emperor said: Our commerce has a right to claim that protection which the legislation regarding customs taxes can afford, and which is afforded, perhaps beyond what is necessary, in countries with which we trade.

My duty is to preserve the German market for articles of home production. We should revert to well tried principles, which we, in our commercial policy, since 1865, have abandoned.

The speech closed with the following sentence: The promotion and development of friendly relations with and among the powers is a task to which should be devoted the great achievement of German unity.

Gen. Grant and party have arrived at Bombay.

Gen. Peel, the famous English turfman, is dead.

The weavers at Ashton-under-Tyne went on strike Thursday. The masters will probably look out for work. There have been further stoppages of mills and notices of reduction of wages. Forty firms in Bolton give notice of ten per cent reduction in wages. The spinners offer to accept a reduction of 5 per cent. If the masters refuse the offer, ten thousand spinners will strike.

Feb. 15.—The Senate amended and passed the bill to restrict the Chinese immigration. The final vote stood 39 to 27. The House spent most of the day discussing the legislative appropriation bill, adopting some amendments and rejecting others. The bill was not pressed to a vote.

The official journal says that the latest reports of the plague are reassuring. It has not increased, and energetic measures have been adopted for its suppression. The French government dispatched physicians to investigate the disease. The reports that the plague has appeared in Turkey are unfounded. There is no ground for panic, and no danger for the present from arrivals from the Black Sea or the Sea of Azov. Nevertheless the Minister of Commerce has ordered a quarantine of two days at French ports on the Mediterranean, and in Algeria, including arrivals from the Black Sea and Sea of Azov, even when provided with a clean bill of health.

The dissolution of the German Reichstag is expected within a month on account of the opposition of the majority to protection.

A dispatch from Rome says a decision has just been arrived at, at the Vatican, to create cer-

tain new dioceses in the United States, in consequence of the growth of the church in this country.

The Moscow journals were not allowed to appear Friday until they suppressed the unfavorable plague news.

The Turkish Minister of Finance announces that a new loan has been concluded, and declares that it will in a great part be devoted to buying up paper currency, at 25 per cent of its nominal value.

## CONGRESS

Feb. 11.—In the Senate Mr. Windom (Rep., Minn.), from the conference committee on the Naval Appropriation bill, submitted a report which was agreed to and the bill passed. Mr. Windom said that the Senate added \$86,500 to the House bill. The House conference receded from the disagreement to amendments involving \$11,500 and the Senate receded from amendments involving \$75,000 additional for the navy and coast guard.

The bill was agreed to, and the Senate voted to concur in the House bill. The House voted to concur in the Senate bill.

In the House the conference report on the Naval appropriation bill was agreed to.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the Legislative Appropriation bill.

Mr. Patterson (Rep., N. Y.) opposed that portion of the bill which proposes to transfer the coast and geodetic survey from the Treasury to the Interior Department. That provision would virtually abolish the system of public land surveys. The bill would throw an insurmountable obstacle in the way of the settlement of the public domain.

Feb. 12.—In the Senate at the conclusion of the morning business, Mr. Saunders (Rep., Calif.) called up the bill recently introduced by him to authorize the President temporarily to transfer the custody, control and management of certain Indians from the Interior to the War Department. He spoke at length in favor of educating the Indians to enable them to become citizens.

Mr. Anthony (Rep., R. I.) presented a motion of the Colonization Society asking an appropriation of \$25,000 for explorations and surveys on the west coast of Africa, with a view to promoting commerce. Ordered printed and referred.

In the House the conference report on the bill to abolish the volunteer navy of the United States was agreed to.

The testimony taken by the Judiciary Committee in the matter of Judge Blodgett, Chicago, was ordered printed, also the Senate bill in regard to the census and the amendments of the House Committee on Census.

Feb. 13.—In the Senate the House bill to restrict the immigration of Chinese was taken up and Mr. Sargent (Rep., Cal.) advocated the measure. He argued that it was within the constitutional power of Congress to legislate in contravention of a treaty. The power had been sustained by the courts and executive departments. The principle was laid down by Hamilton, that the power of self-defense resides in the nation, and a nation must use it, even though it act selfishly. China was not in favor of the emigration of her people. Therefore the passage of the bill, he did not believe, would make any changes in our commercial relations with China. At the present time he (Sargent) would propose amendments to the bill, providing that it should not affect embassies nor shipwrecked persons. There were now in California more Chinamen than there were voters, and they were increasing enormously. There was in San Francisco a city within a city, a city cut out of Pekin.

Mr. Matthews (Rep., O.) opposed the bill and said he was not willing to let the occasion pass without putting on record some of his reasons for opposing it. His respect for the plight of a nation, in solemn treaty with a sovereign power, would compel him to seek to accomplish a remedy by some other means than by an arbitrary act of Congress. He read from the Burlingame treaty and said that we solicited from China the covenants which we were now about to break, and we were about to do it by putting the stamp of hypocrisy on ourselves.

In the House a letter was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that there will probably be a deficit in the revenue of the Government, the next fiscal year, of twenty-seven million and asking authority to issue four per cent bonds to cover such deficiency.

Feb. 14.—In the Senate. After considering bills to restrict Chinese immigration, the Senate voted to amend the bill to restrict Chinese immigration to receive certain monies due to the Chinese for the improvement of Clinton River; to reduce the toll on the Bay City, Vassar and Watrous plank road; to regulate the town of Metz; to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery; for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the benefit of Bay, Saginaw and Tuscola counties for drainage purposes; changing the name of "Goberville" to "Atlantic"; amending the charter of Albion; authorizing the use of a part of the East Saginaw and Au Sable State road for a plank road.

Feb. 15.—The Senate passed the following bills, the last two having already passed the House: To authorize counties to appropriate funds for roads for the benefit of the public; to amend section 5295, Compiled Laws, relative to poor debtors; to provide for punishments of assault with deadly weapons; to organize a school district in the town of Montmorency; to detach territory from Belknap, Presque Isle, and Franklin; to regulate the town of Metz; to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery; for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the benefit of Bay, Saginaw and Tuscola counties for drainage purposes; changing the name of "Goberville" to "Atlantic"; amending the charter of Albion; authorizing the use of a part of the East Saginaw and Au Sable State road for a plank road.

Feb. 16.—The Senate passed the following bills, the last two having already passed the House: To incorporate the village of Edmore; to amend the law relative to blanks furnished by the Auditor-General; to incorporate the village of Farwell; asking Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of Clinton River; to reduce the toll on the Bay City, Vassar and Watrous plank road; to regulate the town of Metz; to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery; for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the benefit of Bay, Saginaw and Tuscola counties for drainage purposes; changing the name of "Goberville" to "Atlantic"; amending the charter of Albion; authorizing the use of a part of the East Saginaw and Au Sable State road for a plank road.

Feb. 17.—The Senate passed the following bills, the last two having already passed the House: To extend the time for collecting the incorporation of mining companies; to amend section 5977, Compiled Laws, relative to the return and summoning of jurors; to amend section 4402, Compiled Laws, relative to the appraisal of the estates of deceased persons; to amend section 7328

## SOILS.

### AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY AS APPLIED TO MICHIGAN.

Paper Read by Prof. Kedzie Before the Bay City Institute.

Two years ago, says the Professor, I had a glance at some of these Northern counties during a trip to attend a Farmers Institute at Traverse City. What I then saw awakened an earnest desire to know more. A soil that could bear such magnificent forests and could ripen apples so nicely colored, as if the yellow and red fingers of sunset had grasped the fruit and would not let go—surely such a region and such a soil were worthy of careful study. But the ground was all covered with snow, and all plans of study and investigation must be postponed to a more convenient season. But the desire and the purpose to know more of this section of the State did not die out, and last spring I entered upon the work in good earnest. My object was to direct public attention to the resources and capabilities of that portion of our State which had been overlooked too long for the best interests of the commonwealth.

I could not leave my work at the college to personally examine these new counties, and if I could I would thus satisfy myself instead of convincing others. If I could place before others the means by which they could form an intelligent and just opinion in regard to the agricultural capabilities of these northern counties, I would do the public better service than by any amount of personal examination which could bear no better fruit than personal assertions in respect to this region. I preferred to merely bring the witnesses into court, to examine and cross-examine them there, and leave the public to be judge and jury in the case. It seemed to me that I could best do this by gathering characteristic specimens of soil from as many representative points as possible, submit these to chemical analysis, examine the physical properties and characteristics of these soils, and then present the results of these investigations and the soils themselves to the public and ask an enlightened public opinion to give a verdict in the case.

#### CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF SOILS.

When chemistry was first applied to the problems of agriculture, it was supposed that the greatest benefit which chemistry could impart to agriculture was to be derived from the analysis of the soil. It was supposed that the fertility of any soil, the kind of crop it was fitted to raise, or the material which must be added to the soil to develop its greatest productiveness, were each and all to be determined simply by a chemical analysis of the soil. These extravagant anticipations have not been realized. It is found that chemical analysis will not always distinguish between a fruitful and an unfruitful soil; because a soil may be unproductive for physical reasons, though it may contain all the chemical elements of fertility. The utter breakdown of Liebig's mineral theory of manures when put to the test of experience rang the knell of mere soil analysis.

But if chemical analysis failed when so much was demanded of it, we are not to go to the other extreme and conclude that because it is not good for everything it is good for nothing. Chemical analysis of the soil is of value in determining whether a soil is capable of fertility or the contrary; also in determining the degree of its possible fertility. There are certain elements which are absolutely necessary for plant growth. In the absence of any one of these vegetable growth is impossible; if the supply is relatively limited, plant growth will be limited correspondingly. If all the ash elements are present in sufficient amount and in available form, such soil is capable of fertility. Hence the chemical analysis of a soil is of importance in determining the possibility of fertility and of the relative fertility, which may be secured under favorable conditions.

#### THE ELEMENTS.

You are all familiar with sand, silica and alumina, when chemically combined, form clay. Oxide of iron is the material which gives the reddish or brownish color to most soils. The great bulk of nearly all soils is made up of sand, clay and oxide of iron. Alumina is never found in the ash of cultivated plants; a certain amount of silica and oxide of iron is found in the ash of all plants; but the great mass of these materials, as found in the soil, is of no worth in the chemistry of plant life; they are the mechanical agents of the soil, and are of worth mainly from their relations to temperature and moisture and by giving mechanical support to the plants. Their chief office in the soil is physical, and not chemical. They render the soil light or heavy, porous or retentive. The organic matter of soils, besides furnishing a supply of combined nitrogen, is chiefly valuable for its physical relations to temperature, moisture and porosity of soils.

Leaving out of account the mechanical agents of the soil, which mainly influence the physical conditions of soils, there remain lime, magnesia, potash, soda, the sulphates and phosphates. While these substances make up the larger part of the ash of all cultivated plants. They are necessary conditions of plant growth; in their absence no plant can grow; when they are present in very limited amount plant growth is correspondingly limited, but when they are present in sufficient quantity and in available form, if the physical conditions of the soil and the climate are favorable, any crop can be grown and brought to perfect maturity. They are the chemical agents of plant growth. In the entire absence of either lime or magnesia, or potash, or sulphates or phosphates, no plant can grow, much less mature its seed.

#### ASH ELEMENTS.

In studying the results of chemical analysis of the soil, we should fix our attention mainly upon these indispensable ash elements of plant growth. In the following table I omit the mechanical agents of the soil, and present only the sum of ash elements contained in one hundred parts of soil:

1. River Raisin bottom lands, cultivated forty years	7.17
2. River Raisin bottom lands virgin soil	7.58
3. Burr-oak wheat land, saline	4.33
4. Prairie soil, never plowed, Cass Co.	4.99
5. " cultivated 30 years, Cass county	3.98
6. Soil from South Haven	2.47
7. Gilmore, Isabella county	2.72
8. Warren, Midland county	2.94
9. Midland, Midland county	1.66
10. Sheridan, Clare county	1.55
11. Grant, Clare county	2.76
12. Webster, Lake county	5.37
13. Evart, Oscoda county	1.90
14. Eden, Mason county	3.56
15. Eden, Mason county	1.98
16. Eden, Mason county	5.46
17. Lake City, Miasaukee county	5.76
18. St. Louis, Gratiot county	2.45
19. Bay City, Bay county	3.94
20. Grand Traverse, Grand Traverse co.	3.26
21. Cheboygan, Cheboygan county	3.12
22. Cofax, Montcalm county	5.83
23. Beemer, Benzie county	2.76
24. Gaylord, Otsego county	1.76
25. Agricultural College garden	3.56
26. Agricultural College vineyard	1.1
27. Agricultural College field No. 8	5.56
28. Tawas, Iosco county	3.12
29. Big Rapids, Mecosta county	5.16
30. Sherman, Wexford county	2.35
31. Elk Rapids, Antrim county	3.03

If we reject from the list the exceptionally rich bottom lands of the Raisin (1 and 2), and of the Tittabawasee (9), and the exceptionally poor land (10, 13, 15 and 24), taking the average of the burr-oak land of Washtenaw county and the prairie soils of Cass county as a basis of comparison (4.43) we find that the average of all the rest of the soils in this list differs from this high standard of soil excellence by only 38 hundredths of one per cent. All the soils of this list (with the four exceptions) contain a large excess of ash elements beyond the requirements of any crop that may grow upon it. Soil No. 1 from River Raisin bottoms has been cultivated forty years without manure, yet in 1876 it produced 83 bushels of shelled corn to the acre.

#### POTASH.

In the case of the four exceptional soils while the relative amount of ash materials seems small, the absolute amount to the acre is large. Take No. 10, which is the lowest in the list, having only 1.55 per cent of ash elements; fix your eye upon potash 54 and phosphoric acid 15 per cent, these substances being most important in the production of cereal crops; we find that the average of all the rest of the soils in this list differs from this high standard of soil excellence by only 38 hundredths of one per cent. All the soils of this list (with the four exceptions) contain a large excess of ash elements beyond the requirements of any crop that may grow upon it. Soil No. 1 from River Raisin bottoms has been cultivated forty years without manure, yet in 1876 it produced 83 bushels of shelled corn to the acre.

tell their own story, while I merely act as interpreter in this respect. The soils were dried at 212 degrees Fahrenheit till they ceased to lose weight, all stones and roots were picked out and all lumps broken down, but the soil was not pulverized or reduced to a finer state of division than was found in their natural state. One hundred grammes of the soil were weighed out, placed in a tarred glass funnel, and water poured over the soil till it was completely wet, but the soil was not stirred or puddled in the least; it was allowed to stand till the water ceased to drop, when the weight was again determined: the increase in weight showed the amount of water one hundred parts of thoroughly air-dry soil would take up and hold. This shows the relative capacity of these soils to take up and hold under natural conditions the water which falls upon them in the form of rain or snow, and thus shows their relative resources against periods of impending drought. For purposes of comparison I include in this list soil from "the pine barrens" of New Jersey, and from "the plains" of Kalkaska, Baldwin and Walton Junction:

#### WATER-HOLDING CAPACITY.

Pine barrens of New Jersey	25.50
The plains, Baldwin	29.20
" " Walton Junction	30.10
" " Kalkaska	65.60
1	61.20
2	36.30
3	73.20
4	50.55
5	44.70
6	49.60
7	51.15
8	51.40
9	43.10
10	45.65
11	44.90
12	35.30
13	45.80
14	32.40
15	42.85
16	39.10
17	38.40
18	47.50
19	40.20
20	47.50
21	45.40
22	39.30
23	40.70
24	39.60
25	59.15
26	43.20
27	63.80
28	43.80
29	44.00
30	52.10

#### COMMENTS.

It seems to me that such an examination of soils with reference to their waterholding capacity is valuable because we interfere so little with the natural condition of the soil—we only deprive it of its free water, let it drink up all it will hold and then determine its amount. The results are very instructive and significant. The soil of the sterile pine barrens of New Jersey stands lowest in this list, taking up only 25.60 per cent of water; then follow in order "the plains" of Baldwin 29.20, or Walton Junction 30.40, Eden 32.40, Kalkaska 33.10, and Webster 35.30. These soils are characterized by a deficiency of organic matter except the soil of Kalkaska. On the other hand the soils in the whole list which contain the most organic matter also have the greatest capacity to hold water; for example the prairie soils of Cass county, and the River Raisin bottom lands, that will hold from 61 to 73 per cent. of water, contain from 7.50 to 12.30 per cent. of organic matter.

On looking over the thirty-one soils which have been analyzed, and comparing the mass of these northern counties with those in the southern part of the State in the matter of their capacity to hold water, we find no evidence brought out by this test, which would lead us to question the agricultural capabilities of the mass of soil in these counties. Compare these lands with the wonderful wheat lands, the burr-oak plains of Washtenaw county and you observe that only two out of the thirty-one specimens analyzed which fall below the burr-oak lands in their capacity to imbibe and retain water.

#### THE WATER LINE.

If we dig down in the ground we usually find a level in which water is present in such quantity that it will flow into the hole. The highest level in the soil in which water will flow is called the water line. It is not a fixed level, but fluctuates with the season. Some call the surface of the water in a well the water line, but there may be levels above the well water which will afford flowing water, but not in sufficient quantity to permanently raise the level of water in the well, in which case the water line would obviously be above the water level in the well.

The physical condition of a soil will be greatly affected by fluctuations in the water line; when it comes very near the surface we have a swamp; when it is only one to two feet from the surface, coarse wild grasses or sedges predominate; when it is from four to ten feet from the surface we have the best conditions of fertility. It is to lower the water-line that the farmer resorts to tile-draining, the benefits of which are too well known to be dwelt on here.

Plants derive most of their water from the capillary water of the soil—water held by capillary attraction, that makes the soil moist, but will not flow out of the soil by the force of gravity. But it is found that most plants under favorable circumstances will send a few roots as water-feeders to the free water in the soil in order to provide a supply when capillary water is deficient; thus beets, turnips, and many kinds of trees will often throw such quantities of roots into tile drains as to obstruct them entirely. It is often found that the roots of plants will extend to surprising depths to reach the water-line to secure the means for this provisional supply of water. It is obvious that the plant will be in a better condition when the water-line is within a moderate distance from the surface.

#### DIVERSITY OF SOILS.

I found in this northland a great diversity of soils; for example in some parts of Isabella and nearly all parts of Mecosta county (No. 22 and 29). I found the same boulder clay which is so characteristic of the strong and en-

during soil of the north part of Eaton and south part of Ionia county.

A soil that naturally clothes itself with a strong sod of June grass or white clover. In other places, for example Lake and the eastern half of Mason county, (No. 11, 13 and 15) the soil is sandy and but little tendency is manifested to form a sod; the roadside of the railway was covered with creeping blackberry, like certain soil I have seen in some parts of Van Buren county. In other places, as in Midland county (No. 8) the soil is sandy but it turns over easily where hay seed has been scattered. John Reardon of Coleman told me that he had cut four or five tons of hay last summer from last winter lumber roads these roads having been seeded by the hay drawn over them during last winter. No farmer need question the virtue of any soil that with instinctive modesty covers its nakedness with a robe of grass. When I speak of grass I do not include the sedges like the "bunch-grass" which usually grows upon very poor soil.

#### An Unfashionable Virtue.

##### St. Louis Republican.

Not long ago, in a neighboring city, one of the belles of society accepted the matrimonial proposition of a worthy young gentleman, and was asked by him to name the happy day. She consulted her parents—who had previously given their consent to the match—and a family council was held. The decision reached was curious, as well as characteristic of our country and age. The father and mother agreed that the social position of their daughter required a grand wedding. The father, however, announced that misfortunes in business had brought him to the verge of bankruptcy; that he was in fact preparing to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. To this the mother replied that a grand wedding being of primary importance, it must of course take precedence of the assignment, for pecuniary reasons easily understood. And it was so ordered. The marriage occurred amid a blaze of glory, duly chronicled in the newspapers, and a few days afterwards Mr. Smith's paper went to protest, and his creditors took possession of his limited assets.

Not long ago, considerably nearer home, a fond husband informed his loving wife that his financial affairs were in that condition which indicates a speedy and disastrous collapse. The wife said little, but thought much. The result of her meditation was the next day she went down town and bought a seal-skin saque and a set of diamonds. She told a female neighbor, who knew of the impending calamity, that the saque and diamonds "would last her a lifetime; that if she did not get them now she never would, and so she got them." The collapse came in due season, and it is hardly necessary to remark that the furrier and jeweler are whistling for their money.

These twin incidents are true. They are only two of the many, equally true, that never find their way into the ungenial and unwelcome atmosphere of print. They illustrate a rascally tendency which is doing more to unsettle the foundations of commercial confidence and destroy commercial honor than any other we know of. They indicate, indeed, that in some quarters of "the very highest respectability," commercial honor is already dead and buried. Taken in connection with the familiar process known as "breaking with a full pocket," they show that paying one's debts and buying nothing you do not expect to pay for are becoming exceedingly unfashionable. Our fathers—and a good many of their sons hold the same views, we are glad to say—considered that a man who would not strain every nerve and make every sacrifice to pay his honest debts was little better than a scoundrel; and that the man or woman who bought anything without expecting to pay for it was not better than a thief. Yet, matters nowadays have come to such a pass that one can scarcely cross the streets of a great city without being splashed with mud from the carriage-wheels of elegant bankrupts, who ride, while the people they owe are obliged to walk. Persons live in fine houses, wear fine clothes, and give fine entertainments, who if out of debt would be as poor as the poorest of their creditors. Fashionable society encourages and patronizes this fashionable rascality. The one sin which fashionable society will never forgive is poverty—even though that poverty is the result of unflinching honesty. A prominent Boston merchant—an ex-Governor of Massachusetts—has hanging in his counting-room a photographic portrait under which is written, "An Honest Man." The honest man thus honored had simply paid his debts in full, after having been compelled to compromise them at a heavy discount. The ex-Governor insisted that the hero of such a remarkable deed should have his picture taken. So taken it was, and there it hangs—a sad commentary upon the rarity of old-time virtue: HONESTY.

The swinging motion of railway cars is now ingeniously utilized as an indicator of the velocity of trains, the arrangement to this end being as follow: Within a case, clockwork is fixed, which causes a large horizontal plate to rotate once in twelve hours. On the plate a disk of paper is held by a spring, the border being divided into hours and minutes. The point of a pencil, which is attached to two springs and a pendulum, plays on the paper. Caoutchouc buffers below the box communicate the swinging of the car to the pendulum so that the pencil makes a zigzag line round the paper; on removing the latter, the rate of travelling many be studied.

A well-dressed, polite man walked into the police detectives' office in Troy, N. Y., and asked to see some novel tools that had been used in trying to break open a safe. The things brought out, he examined them with great care. "Much obliged," he said. "I have just finished five years in Sing Sing, and I wanted to see what progress had been made in my profession."

#### NEW YORK NOTES.

To-day is the eighty-ninth birthday of Mr. Peter Cooper, and his daughter, Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt, has issued cards for a reception to-night at her house in celebration of the event, where many a guest will have an opportunity of repeating what Mr. Henry G. Stebbins, President of the old Arcadian Club, said five years ago, when Mr. Cooper met the club by invitation: "We commemorate the birthday of a citizen whom not only all New York, but all the country would unite with us in honoring were there any way by which our people could mingle their expressions with our own."

That Mr. Stebbins was entirely correct in this statement, and that five years have not done

for Mr. Cooper what four years so often do for other distinguished men in this country, but have left his portrait as clean and pleasant to look at as ever, was clearly proved—if indeed it needed proof—by the result of a *World* reporter's visit yesterday among many of the rich and the poor, the famous and the obscure inhabitants of this city. To mention the names of the people who have a good word, and nothing but good words, to speak of Peter Cooper would be to republish the list of New York's English-speaking population. And that even would not do it, for the stammering tongues of foreigners would tell if they could, the things that foreign eyes have read in foreign prints of Mr. Cooper's virtues. Many of them had read the interview of the previous day with the noted humanitarian.

It is believed by Capt. Byrnes, of the Fifteenth Precinct, that at last the mystery of the robbery of the Manhattan Savings bank, at Bleeker street and Broadway, on Sunday morning the 27th of last October, is solved; that one of the burglars is in custody, that the others are known and identified, and that there is no longer any doubt about the ultimate arrest and conviction of them all. The prisoner who is in custody is "Johnny" Hope, son of "Jimmy" Hope, and he was arrested by Capt. Byrnes on Monday night as he was leaving the Theatre Comique. The burglary of the Manhattan Bank was the most

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SATURDAY, Feb. 22, 1879.

### REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A Republican State Convention to nominate one candidate of the Supreme Court in place of the Hon. James V. Campbell, and two Regents of the State University in place of Claudia B. Grant and Charles Rynd, will be held at the Opera House in the city of Lansing, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1879, at 12 o'clock noon.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at Grand Rapids, May 10, 1876, every county is entitled to one delegate for each \$500 of the total vote cast for Governor at the last State election (in 1878) and one additional delegate for every fraction of 300 votes, but each organized county will be entitled to one delegate.

Under a resolution of 1858 no delegate will be entitled to a seat who does not reside in the county he proposes to represent.

Z. CHANDLER, Chairman.

G. W. PARTRIDGE, Secretary.

Dated, Detroit, February 11, 1879.

### Republican County Convention.

A Republican County Convention will be held at the Opera House in the City of Ann Arbor, on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 1879, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to elect sixteen delegates to the State Convention to be held at Lansing, on Thursday, the sixth day of March, 1879. The several cities and townships will be entitled to delegates to the County Convention as follows:

Ann Arbor Town	4	Northfield	4
Ann Arbor City	4	Pittsfield	4
First Ward	4	Salem	4
Second Ward	4	Saline	6
Third Ward	4	Sco	6
Fourth Ward	4	Shelby	6
Fifth Ward	3	Superior	6
Sixth Ward	3	Troy	6
Augusta	3	Webster	4
Bridgewater	3	Ypsilanti	4
Dexter	3	Town	4
Freedom	3	Ypsilanti, 1st w.	4
Lodi	4	Second Ward	3
Lyndon	4	Third Ward	3
Manchester	6	Fourth Ward	3
E. P. ALLEN,		Fifth Ward	3
W. P. JUDSON,			
WM. D. PLATT,			
Republican County Committee,			
A. J. SAWYER, Chairman.			
J. F. LAWRENCE, Secretary.			

In a recent speech, Ben Butler said that he could see no reason why a Confederate soldier should not draw a pension, and announced that under certain conditions he would favor the granting of such pensions. Score another brick shied at the head of the Rebel Brigadiers!

Mr. Chandler has called the Republican State Convention to be held in Lansing on Thursday, March 5, at 12 o'clock noon. The Republican party must expect to meet the Federal in the Convention as he intends to secure men pledged to his interests if possible. It would be a sad day for the University if he should succeed in all his plans. The people should know this fact before they are caught in Beal's trap; and the Republican journals throughout the State should, at least announce it, even if they do not boldly denounce it.—*Coldwater Republican*.

### THE NEW REGENTS.

The recent action of the Regents has excited throughout the State the indignation it deserves. It is well known who is to blame for the action, and there is a growing determination to wrest the control of the University from a man who is at present the power behind the throne. That determination will manifest itself in the next selection of Regents. If the Republican party has any hope of electing its candidates, those candidates must be known to be men who have at heart the good of the University rather than their own political advancement. If the Republican party shall fail, at the coming State convention, to nominate such men, it will receive, and it will deserve defeat.

In all probability neither of the outgoing Regents will be a candidate for re-election, and the utmost care should be taken in the selection of the new candidates. The first qualification should be that the nominees are graduates of the University. The list of Michigan University alumni is long enough to furnish many a name that stands for intellectual vigor and uncompromising integrity, and it is time that an unwritten law to the effect that only graduates should be eligible to nomination, was observed by both parties. Certain it is that the fact of being an alumnus is a most effective barrier against such assaults as a Regent is called upon to withstand. The other qualification is a character that has been long enough before the people to make plain the fact of its integrity. It is needless to say that men of pronounced political aspirations should not apply.

It is easy enough to say that a State convention ought to do thus and so, thereby casting the responsibility on to the shoulders of others. The burden, however, is not to be so easily shifted. It is the duty of the county convention to send delegates who will nominate true men at the State convention, and it is the duty of city and town conventions to send the right sort of men to the county convention; and especially it is every man's duty to see that the delegates to the county convention represent fully and without compromise the principles for which he himself is contending. Usually a city convention is made up chiefly of men whose only occupation in life seems to be to kill time. With such men any nomination is a good one, and the active politician has little difficulty in obtaining any end he seeks. At the next city convention let the Republicans who believe that the University is suffering disgrace, and that the politics of the State are in danger of falling into the hands of selfish, scheming men—in a word, let all good Republican citizens see to it that Ypsilanti is represented at Ann Arbor by men who believe in the welfare of our educational institutions, and government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

### THE COUTHOUI READINGS.

The Couthoui Readings, last Wednesday evening, were eminently successful in every way. The audience that filled Light

Guard Hall was as enthusiastic as could be desired, and each of Miss Couthoui's numbers met with deserved applause, encores being insisted upon in two instances. Her dramatic power was plainly evident in every selection; the more effectively because of the entire naturalness and truth of her impersonations and the complete absence of rant and over-doing, so often seen upon the eloquent stage. Miss Couthoui has great aptness and fidelity in her imitations of children and old people, and though there are some slight points of good taste in which she might improve, a longer study and experience will, without doubt, correct and make her recitations still more perfect than at present. Should it prove true, as has been rumored, that the Mission Circle will again engage her for an evening, on her way to fill an engagement in Detroit, she will doubtless be as enthusiastically received as before. The interspersed music was acceptable to the audience. Misses Barr and Joslin gave Mendelssohn's "Autumn Song" with much sweetness and grace, and Mr. Wm. Kimball sang an air of Mozart's, which was well received, while Mrs. Moore was prevented from singing by severe hoarseness.

FROM SALINE.—Scarlet fever has just begun in Saline. Eugene Versellus died last night after an illness of about forty hours. The doctors are trying to get the advantage of the disease.

C. Hauser, an old citizen of Saline, lies very low with Bright's disease.

Ed. Weillen and J. La Rue started for Texas on Saturday last, with five car loads of sheep.

### FASHIONABLE FOOLISHNESS.

There is no modern fashionable notion quite so absurd as the generally received idea that to be beautiful and attractive a woman must possess a wan, *spirituelle* face and a figure of sylph-like proportions—a fragility in nine cases out of ten the result of disease. Many fashionable belles it is considered a special compliment to be spoken of as frail and delicate. They forget that the naturally delicate face and *petite* figure are very different from the pale and disease-stricken faces that meet us in the city thoroughfares, look out from the luxuriant carriages of wealth, and glide languidly through our crowded drawing rooms. If disease were unfashionable, as it ought to be, not a lady in the land but would take every possible precaution to secure the fresh, blooming face and well rounded figure that only health can give. Ladies should remember that much as gentlemen may profess to admire the face and form paled and emaciated by disease, when they choose a wife they prefer a blooming, healthful, buoyant-spirited woman. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the acknowledged standard remedy for female diseases and weaknesses. It has the two-fold advantage of curing the local disease and imparting vigorous tone to the whole system. It is sold by druggists.

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### Local Matters.

#### POPULAR AMUSEMENTS.

A SERMON PREACHED BY THE REV. JOHN M. RICHMOND, IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SUNDAY EVENING, FEB. 9, 1879.

ECCLES. 11:9—Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

I have been requested to speak on the subject of popular amusements. This request has been repeatedly urged, and comes not from one source only but from many. From those who desire to be guided aright in this matter, as well as from those who have seen the evil results to which amusements sometimes lead, and who feel the need of the pulpit raising its voice to warn of the dangers. I make this statement to show that in speaking of this subject tonight I am not alone in feeling its importance and the great need of something being done to warn the unwary of the snares which are spread under the garb of innocent amusements, and to check the worldly tendencies of the church. I have hesitated to take up this subject heretofore, as a distinct theme, because my observation has led me to fear that little good may be accomplished by so doing. It is usually a popular subject, and it has appeared to me to be so because men are more anxious to ascertain how far religious teaching can be made to excuse their practices and indulgences, than they are to be guided aright. Although I have not specially treated of this subject, I have in my endeavors to declare "the whole counsel of God" laid down again and again the principles which must guide every man who will do right in this matter. So that I have nothing new to offer—no new gospel to preach—noting but what I have told you a hundred times before. I can only emphasize what I have told you often.

The subject is a difficult one to treat successfully; 1st. Because of that at which I have hinted. Men are slow to believe if they do not want to. They are slow to accept the plainest principles of truth and right living if they do not exactly accord with their wishes. They cling to their views and habits, and hug closely their bosom sins. Hence the tendency to misinterpret and misapply the plainest teachings of Bible principles which mark the path of duty.

2d. Because in the Bible we find no direct teaching on this subject. There are subjects upon which the Bible utters direct and emphatic declarations; such as "Thou shall not kill," "Thou shall not steal," "Swear not at all;" but as to what amusements are innocent and what are sinful, the Bible gives us no direct command, or as to when an innocent amusement becomes sinful we have no "Thus saith the Lord," "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther." In these things we must be guided by inference from Scripture, by reason, by the enlightened Christian conscience, and by common sense.

3d. Because the minister of the Gospel is not Lord over every man's conscience, not a Pope. It is not his duty to say what this one must do, and what that one must not do. He is not a lawyer, giving laws for the guidance of men's lives. It is his duty to preach the Gospel, that through it the love of Christ may be shed abroad in the hearts of men by the Holy Ghost, and that the law of love may become the law of men's lives. He has no authority apart from the Word of God. He is simply the bearer and expounder of God's message. He does not claim to be wise above that which is written. He ever appeals "to the law and to the testimony."

We have, therefore, no direct teaching from God to aid us. We are left to the enlightened judgment of men to gather from the Scriptures what the mind of the Spirit is, to make deductions from God's Word and apply them to the case in hand. Whose judgment then shall we trust? The Pope's? No, we are not of those who believe in an earthly head of the church. With the Bible in every man's hand, and with ample means to assist in understanding it, and with the Holy Spirit to guide into all truth, every man is held personally responsible, not only for the interpretations he puts upon the Bible, but for the life he leads, as judged by the standard of truth which the Bible contains. The false views, or erroneous teachings, or evil and misleading practices of one man, or of any class of men, in no way relieves another of responsibility. If one man goes and hangs himself because the Bible teaches that Judas went and hanged himself, that surely is no good reason why others should draw the same foolish conclusion and go and likewise. I wish this fact to be distinctly understood, therefore, that every man is personally responsible for his own life, and therefore should have some interest in knowing what is truth and doing what is right.

Now to our subject. What are some of the so-called popular amusements? Cards, dancing and theatre-going. There may be many more which might properly come under this head, but I confess my ignorance of such things. However, these are sufficient for my present purpose. I leave out of consideration for the present any use of those about which there can be no doubt, such as gaming for money. No one who professes Christianity, or sets up any claim to morality or even to respectability, will, I trust, advocate the propriety of gambling. We take into consideration such games and amusements as are matters of entertainment in recognized society, about which many people, even Christians, are in doubt as to their morality.

Let us then calmly weigh the case. Dancing, card-playing and theatre-going are amusements in which many indulge who stand high in society and in some cases in the church. But we must decide upon the merits of the case for ourselves. Usage, or custom, or fashion does not settle the question for us, or make an act, sinful in itself, excusable.

Are these amusements sinful in themselves considered? Do not the advocates of these things ask, with considerable show of reason, where is the harm? What is the difference between the common painted cards and cards with names printed on them, which are considered allowable, or what the difference in the game when chance and skill have place in both? Is not dancing more pleasant, enjoyable and sensible than many of the substitutes which have been offered to relieve the embarrassments of company and add to the enjoyment of the young? What is the difference between a good moral play (and of course we would not advocate any other) and a concert or an opera, or an elocutionary entertainment?

We cannot deny that the play has been made the means of setting forth truth, even Bible truth; that the dance has been used in the service of God; that if we condemn cards as sinful in themselves, we must either condemn every similar amusement, or show ourselves to be grossly inconsistent. I think we must admit that the

evil which attaches to these and similar amusements, if evil there be, does not necessarily attach to them, but arises from the use, or abuse, of them. Then the question arises, can we find any amusements, or anything else, that have not been abused or made an evil of, or that is incapable of such abuse? This is a question which is not a flippant one, for if we shut down on certain amusements, we must be prepared to offer something else as substitutes. Where, then, will we find anything which may not be made as productive of evil as any of these? Apparently there is nothing more innocent than the spotted card. Dancing is an old and time honored institution; I know not what could take its place. I once heard, on the floor of the Presbytery, a man say, in condemning dancing, that he enjoyed getting down on the floor and rolling and romping with his children. What a scene his mode of amusing himself would present in company! No more ridiculous, however, than the idea of suggesting such a thing as a substitute for dancing.

But still the question presses us. We must either secure fitting substitutes, or else do away with amusements altogether, which I fear would be the greatest evil of all. No matter how studious the young man may be, he cannot study all the time. No matter how pious he may be, he cannot be kept forever over the Bible and the catechism. He must have amusements and will have it. A writer has said: "Whatever some divines and moralists of a severer cast may urge against play in general as hurtful and criminal, as contrary to duty and dangerous to salvation, this much I, think, may be asserted with truth upon the most candid and rational state of the case, that amusements and relaxations being in a high degree necessary to the human mind, as well as to the harmony and continuance of cultivated society, play, considered merely as an amusement or relaxation, or pursued only as such, can never be criminal, is in no respect contrary to the laws of God, or of reason; and as almost all nations have permitted and used diversions of this sort, games of chance or hazard, it would seem too severe a censure on the general opinion of mankind to condemn them in the gross; nor can any sufficient cause of censure, in my judgment, be urged, if they be limited as above; nay, if so limited, it is unquestionable that they may be made the occasion of showing, without ostentation, nobleness of sentiment, justness of understanding, politeness of manners and evenness of temper." This passage, taken from Dr. Todd's lecture to young men, I consider a sober, safe judgment. Amusements are not only necessary, but within certain limits desirable.

4th. In your choice of amusements choose wisely time, places and company. These things are the marks of what you are, rather than the causes of your ruin. "Even a child is known by his doings."

5th. In all matters of doubtful morality give the negative the benefit of the doubt.

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

nature, and gather about them the low, the vulgar, and the vile; some have associations which render them exceedingly objectionable. The seamen avoid, if possible, the rocks and shoals where vessels are known to have been wrecked and to have launched their living cargoes at once into a watery grave and an unending eternity. So we, with greater diligence, avoid those rocks and shoals in the voyage of life where the young and the innocent and the hopeful, who have been the pride of their mothers and the delight of their companions and the promise of their age, have made shipwreck of their souls. There are amusements at once amusing and instructive, entertaining and elevating, and, to a very large extent, your young men and maidens must be your own judges.

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the sight of thy eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."

Some concluding remarks, or inferences, which may serve as rules in this matter.

1st. If I have given the true scriptural view, I have given that which ought to guide you, and also that which is most honoring to free, moral, intelligent, accountable beings.

2d. Know that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Our religion is our relation to God. We cannot divorce our pleasures from our religion.

3d. Therefore, all our amusements, as well as our business, come within the circle of our religious life, and hence are proper subjects of prayer. "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." How many of those who have been ruined through the influence of popular amusements have engaged in them in a playful spirit? How many of those who habitually frequent the dance, the theatre, or the card table are prayerful?

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#### MARRIED.

BLACK—O'NEILL. In this city, Jan. 29, 1879, at the residence of Mrs. Bush, on Cross street, by Rev. J. S. Boyden, Mr. EDGAR J. BLACK, of Dexter, and Mrs. MARY A. O'NEILL, of Ypsilanti.

FORSYTH—GORTON. At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Daniel J. Gorton, Feb. 19, by the Rev. J. M. Richmond, JAMES BUCHANAN FORSYTH and FRANCES ELIZA GOERTON, all of Ypsilanti.

#### DIED.

WALDRON. In this city, February 14th, Mrs. ELIZA WALDRON, aged 77 years.

BROOKMAN. In this city, February 19th, WILLIAM BROOKMAN, aged 18 years.

VAN CLEVE. In this city, on Sunday evening, February 16, 1879, of pneumonia, JULIA A., wife of John W. Van Cleve, aged 63 years.

Mrs. Van Cleve (whose maiden name was Hunter) was born in New York city, in 1810. She was married to John W. Van Cleve, September 24, 1834, and came to Michigan in the summer of 1837. After a few months stay at Flat Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Van Cleve came to this city in the spring of 1838, and have since lived here. Coming to Ypsilanti while the place was yet a village, Mr. and Mrs. Van Cleve have been identified with the whole growth of the town. Mrs. Van Cleve was ever prominent in the benevolent work of St. Luke's church, of which she was a member, and, although of late years she had to entrust the more active labors to younger hands, her interest never flagged. Her gentle and thoroughly refined manners and her winning ways made for her a large circle of friends who will deeply mourn her loss.

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SATURDAY MORNING'S  
COMMERCIAL.

YPSILANTI, FEB. 22, 1879.

SPEECHES

Of the Candidates at the Republican Senatorial Caucus.

Mr. Chandler said:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: For the high honor which you have this night conferred upon me, in making me your choice to represent you in the Senate of the United States, you have my most profound thanks and gratitude. Words fail to express the emotions of my heart. And yet, gentlemen, I do not attribute this token of your regard to anything personal in myself, but rather to the principles that I have had the honor to advocate, in common with yourselves, during the last two decades.

I am not here, gentleman of the convention and Mr. Chairman, to apologize for or to explain anything that I have ever said or ever done in a public capacity. [Applause.] My record is made, and there it stands open to the world; and this I say—that this I have a right to say—that never, during the whole of my political career in the Senate of the United States, have I uttered a sentiment or cast a vote that I would alter, explain or change in any regard. [Applause.] We are all liable to err, and I, with others, undoubtedly erred; but I will say this, in my own vindication, that never have I cast a vote, and never have I uttered a sentiment in the halls of the Senate that I would not to-morrow cast and utter under similar and exactly the same circumstances.

Mr. Chairman, it may be proper, and I may say highly proper, that I should make a very brief review of the events with which, in the past, we have been connected. The Republican party, to which we all belong, and which we all love, revere and reverence, was born in Michigan nearly a quarter of a century ago. I saw the birth of the infant and was present at its baptism. It was an infant derided by its Democratic opponents, and derided by fossils of the old Whig party, then defunct. It was a party with one idea, substantial, when first it was born, and that idea was an idea that covered a continent. It was that the vast territories of these United States, large enough to create 10 empires in Europe, should be forever devoted to freedom, freemen, free thought, free speech and the free exercise of republican institutions. This party grew until in 1857 the onslaught became fearful and dreadful. It was fought in the Congress of the United States. When I entered that body there were 20 Republicans to 44 Democrats—and may their names ever be revered—stood with those Republicans for free territories—Douglass of Illinois, Broderick, of California, and our own Chas. E. Stuart, of Michigan. They fought with us, shoulder to shoulder, till that contest was ended and victory perched upon the banners of

Anon the years rolled on, and, in 1860, the lamented and revered Abraham Lincoln was selected President of the United States, and again the hydra-headed monster, slavery, raised its head and proclaimed that no man who loved freedom and hated slavery should be inaugurated President of the United States. The people ordained that he should be President of the United States, and the war broke out—a war more terrible than any civil war that ever cursed the earth. The nation was ill-prepared for the war. Her forces were scattered all over the vast territories of the United States and her fleets were scattered wherever the winds of Heaven blow and water is found. Her credit was ruined, her arms destroyed or scattered or given to the enemy. We were in no condition whatever to enter into that contest; and there is where the Republican party grappled with the monster, grappled in deadly struggle for life. The nation poured out its blood like water that the nation might live. Her people offered themselves by the thousands, and hundreds of thousands, aye, by millions, and the great question was, how shall these men be fed and clothed, and the munitions of war furnished, to carry that fearful strife on. The wealth of the land was poured at our feet till there was no more wealth to pour, and, in the progress of time, we found that we were in debt some forty or fifty millions of dollars. Our soldiers were in arrears of pay for many months and not one single dollar in the treasury to meet immediate demands. And then the government, in the extremity, appealed to the nation whether or no the war should cease, and the national life cease, or whether the people of this great land would come to the rescue of the nation and its flag. They said: "We have no money. Will you trust us for the necessary supplies to carry on this war? Will you give us provisions to feed your soldiers in the field, and take our obligations that we will pay as soon as we are able to pay?" And, with one voice, from one end of the land, to the other, came up the response: "Take all we have, give us your obligations, and we will trust you. Carry on the war, and save the nation!" And we did carry on the war to a successful issue, and we did save the nation.

During the war we had no friends on earth. All the governments of the earth desired and earnestly prayed that our national life might cease, and little Switzerland alone was with us in our fearful struggle. We had neither friends nor allies elsewhere on earth, but we conquered; and after we had conquered, the nations of the earth said: "These men will fight; they have shown that they will fight; they have shown it in the Mexican war, and in the present war; but they will never pay their debts. Men who vote taxes upon themselves will not maintain the national honor." And during the years following you have heard repudiation talked all over the land. But the

Republican party and the War Democrats came up as one man and put their feet upon repudiation in any and every form. [Applause.] Your bonds were selling in 1865, and bringing 6 per cent, principal and interest payable in coin, for 60 cents on the dollar. But gradually they advanced till your six per cent, bonds were above par, and you issued five per cents; and the five per cents have come above par, and then you issued four and a half per cents; and your four and a halfs came above par, and then you issued four per cents and you have gone on till to-day the credit of the United States of America stands higher than the credit of any other nation on the face of God's earth—[applause]—thanks to the honor and faith of the Republican party of these United States. You have shown to the world that the national honor is as dear to you as the national life, and so the world to-day understands it.

And yet, notwithstanding all that you have done it is said by some that your mission is ended, and that the Republican party ought to die. Why ought the Republican party to die? [applause]—a party that took your nation when it was in the very depths of humiliation, when your credit did not exist, when your bonds, bearing 6 per cent, interest payable in one year, principal and interest in coin, were held for 87 cents on the dollar; and now the Republican party has raised it until your 4 per cent, bonds, running 30 years, are caught up to-day at the rate of \$8,000,000 a day, and very soon there will be no 6 per cent, bonds out, and no 5 per cents, and no 4½ per cents, and you will have your whole national debt funded into 4 per cents, and the credit of this government stands higher, as I have said, than the credit of any other government on earth. Yet, you ought to die! Why, fellow citizens, the Republican party has accomplished more, in the short quarter of a century of its existence, than any other political party that ever existed on earth in 10 centuries. [Applause.] You have not only saved from the blighting curse of slavery all those vast territories, but you have abolished slavery throughout your whole land. You have fulfilled every pledge ever given to the people of the United States, and I defy the worst enemy of the Republican party to name a single unfulfilled pledge to-day it ever gave. The last pledge ever given, that pledge that was given by you when in extremities, when you asked the nation to trust you and pledged your fortunes and your sacred honor that at the very moment when you were able you would pay this vast debt in the coin of the realm, on the first day of January, 1879, you fulfilled that pledge! [Applause.] What is more, it came to stay. [Applause.]

Now, fellow-citizens, the Republican party has no idea of dying. It has made other arrangements. [Great laughter and applause.] Its record is too good; it has accomplished too much. The mission of the Republican party is not ended. It will not be ended until the rights of every man, the rights of every American citizen, shall be respected upon every inch of territory of these United States [applause], until you and I can go to South Carolina, go to Mississippi, go to Louisiana, and utter our sentiments as freely and as safely, and cast our votes as peaceably, as quietly as the rebels can utter their sentiments here, and cast their votes in peace and quiet.

One thing more, fellow-citizens. I deny, and all the oaths of all the men on earth cannot make me believe, that a rebel is better than a loyal man. [Applause.] And yet to-day there are 36 members of the House of Representatives in Washington, representing no constituency whatever, in violation of law. To-day a rebel soldier in South Carolina casts a vote worth just two-and-a-half of the votes of a Union soldier in the Union army to the close of the war. [Applause.] The white population is less than the black by about that ratio. And yet the black man is as absolutely disfranchised as though he were the resident of another sphere, and the law says that where any class are disfranchised they shall not be represented on the floor of Congress; and yet there they are. The rebel who fought against the flag counts more than two loyal men who fought for your flag among our Michigan troops during the war of the rebellion. This state of things ought not to be, must not and shall not be. [Applause.]

Fellow citizens, a great deal has been said about fraud. [Laughter.] I suppose you have heard the term fraud, fraud! I had the honor of having a little something to do with the election of 1876. [Laughter and applause.] It was an election on one side of fraud and violence; and without any exception, and I say it deliberately and after mature consideration, that the greatest fraud, in my judgment, that ever was seen on the earth was Samuel J. Tilden. [Applause.] As I have said, I ran that campaign to a certain extent. I was chairman of the committee, and they howled fraud, fraud, fraud! There was fraud, but on the other side. Now I wish to say, with regard to that campaign, as I have said over and over again, that I never did a thing, wrote a line, sent a dispatch, either cipher or in the English language or in any other way, that I would not be glad to see in print tomorrow morning in all the Democratic papers of these United States. [Applause.]

Then in the campaign of 1878 we had a solid south, solid for the repudiation of our national debt, made solid by murder and outrage, by shot-guns and whips. It is solid for robbing the treasury of the United States for the payment of untold millions of rebel claims against the Government, and it is solid, after getting all it can from the treasury of the United States, for the repudiation of the balance. A solid south for those objects means a solid north to thwart those objects. [Applause.] And I predict that, although, after the 4th day of March, the rebels will have captured—when I say rebels I mean no disrespect to the northern men who occupy seats in the Senate and House—but what I do mean to say is that the rebels are a

majority in the Democratic caucus of both Houses, and a majority in the caucus controls a Democratic Congress. I care not who you send there to co-operate with the Democratic party of the south, he is controlled, and must be controlled, by rebel influences; and I predict, my fellow-citizens, that whether you nominate for your standard bearer in 1880 the man who they didn't love and did hate, and yet dear to the United States—Grant [prolonged applause]—or whether you nominate that gallant standard bearer Blaine, of Maine [great applause], or whether you nominate John Sherman, the present Secretary of the Treasury [mild applause], that you and I will march shoulder to shoulder to rescue from the grasp of rebel generals and rebel brigadiers the capital of the nation.

Fellow citizens, again thanking you for the high honor you have conferred upon me, I wish you, one and all, that heaven's blessing may rest upon you. Great and long continued applause.

Ex-Gov. Bagley said:

MY FRIENDS—I want to say that I love the state of Michigan; I want to say too that I love the Republican party of the state of Michigan. The first vote I ever cast in my life was for that party. The last vote I cast was for that party. In it is my home, in it is my life, and in it is my heart, and I am glad always to be with Republicans when they get together in council for any purpose whatever; and I bring to the altar of Republicanism, always and at all times, and in all places, every personal ambition, every personal hope that I have in this life of mine. I believe in the Republican party of the past, I believe in the Republican party of to-day, and I have the most abundant faith and abiding hope in the Republican party of the future. [Great applause.] It is as necessary to you and to me, it is as necessary to us in Michigan, it is as necessary to the better interests of the men of the South to-day as it ever was. Its ideas, its theories, its examples are needed all over the South. The example Republican gives to Michigan of good government, the example of Republicanism as it is in the state of Michigan, of education and civilization, of confidence and belief in our ideas, is needed all over this Union, and the Republican party can never die. It never will die. Parties never die—they occasionally commit suicide, but they die in no other way, and we cannot tell our mission and our duty and the demands of the time and day are all fulfilled, to the very brim of the cup.

We need to carry into the South to-day the ideas that have made Michigan blossom like the rose. Our ideas of education, our ideas of freedom, especially our ideas of freedom of thought and of vote and of doing our daily work, want to be sent all over this land—and our mission is not done to-day—it will not be done in all the centuries that are to come until these things are accomplished. We need in the South, and to the South, and to all the people everywhere to say that the ideas of the North must prevail. The ideas that our Puritan fathers brought with them to our shores have got to govern and control this country. The thought, to me, is the thought of two civilizations contending, and the strongest, and the purest, and the sweetest and best has got to govern. This is the thought we want to carry, in my judgment, into the South. We want to say to them: you must educate all your people; you must protect your people in every right, having first educated and fitted them for their rights. If the state will not do it then the General Government ought, and the General Government ought to see that any law, any state act, in subversion of the nation's will and the nation's power, shall be put under our feet forever.

The miserable heresy of State rights now lifts up its head again all over this land. We fought the war through, but without squelching, without burying beyond every chance of resurrection, that miserable heresy that some day or other, if perpetuated and put in power, would divide us once more into a mere rope of sand.

We want to see to it, in the Senate and House of Representatives, in all our public actions and in all places where we have powers, that these ideas of education and universal suffrage, and the right of every man to cast his vote as he sees fit, and in his own way, become the law of the land, not only in Michigan, but in South Carolina, in Mississippi, as well as in Maine and Massachusetts. This is the mission of our party, the party that you and I are so proud to place our belief and faith and hope in. I would see to it, by legislation and then by executive force joined to legislation, that the man who laid the lightest finger upon the crookedest hair of the baldest headed African citizen in the whole South should be punished—[applause]—that the negro should be able to walk to the polls, to churches, to schools, in the full liberty of an American citizen as much as you and I and all of us. And this is why you and I and all of us are Republicans to-day. It has made us Republicans in the past, it will keep us and our children and our children's children Republicans in the future. This is the mission, this is the duty, this is the errand of the Republican party, and we here and the representatives we send to Washington, and the representatives we send to represent us everywhere, I know and feel, will have with them the power and strength and belief of every Republican in this state of ours.

I am very much obliged to you all for your very kind compliment to me. I am obliged personally for very many favors from the Republican party of Michigan. They have been better to me than I ever deserved, but after all it is the Republican party that has made me, that has made you, that has made Michigan, that has made freedom and education and belief in our ideas the keystone, the corner-stone of this Government that we love so much. Good-night.

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MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

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I believe in the Republican party of the past, I believe in the Republican party of to-day, and I have the most abundant faith and abiding hope in the Republican party of the future. [Great applause.] It is as necessary to you and to me, it is as necessary to us in Michigan, it is as necessary to the better interests of the men of the South to-day as it ever was. Its ideas, its theories, its examples are needed all over the South. The example Republican gives to Michigan of good government, the example of Republicanism as it is in the state of Michigan, of education and civilization, of confidence and belief in our ideas, is needed all over this Union, and the Republican party can never die. It never will die. Parties never die—they occasionally commit suicide, but they die in no other way, and we cannot tell our mission and our duty and the demands of the time and day are all fulfilled, to the very brim of the cup.

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matriculation in 1871. The Homeopathic College was added in 1875, the Dental School, School of Mines, and other branches soon after.

THE CAMPUS.

The University ground, or Campus, of which our cut gives but a faint idea, forms a notable feature of the surroundings and leaves quite an impression upon the mind of the visitor. These grounds were originally an "oak opening," a sort of heath overgrown with stunted oaks and hickories, and were first owned by a Mr. Rumsey, whose log cabin stood for many years near the house afterward occupied by Mrs. Judson. In 1839 the farm had fallen into the hands of the Ann Arbor Land Company, who, in consideration of one dollar to them in hand paid, did grant, bargain, and sell to the regents of the University, and their successors in office forever, to have and hold for the purposes of said University all that parcel of land lying in, situated, etc., the same amounting, we are told, to "forty and thirty one hundred acres." The Campus is nearly one-half or 661 are residents of Michigan, 131 from Ohio, 100 from New York, 94 from Illinois, 81 from Indiana, 66 from Pennsylvania and smaller numbers from nearly every other State and Territory in the Union, while eight foreign countries are represented. All the departments except the literary are self-supporting and it is hoped that will soon be self-supporting also. The success of such an institution should be a subject for congratulation to the whole State.

TREE PLANTING.

In 1855 Mr. Pettibone, surveyor of the grounds, began the work of ornamentation by planting thereon thirty-three shade trees. The students added three hundred and the regents one thousand and thirty more. Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry, of Rochester contributed a fine assortment of rare evergreens including Austrian, Russian and Scottish pines and Norway spruces and silver firs. In 1858 the seniors planted fifty maples in circles about a native oak, each maple standing for a senior and the oak, for Dr. Tappan. The juniors, not to be outdone, planted forty-four hickories in the form of a conjugate hyperbola near the center of the campus, but the hickories did not flourish, and were afterwards replaced by elms. The same year the sophomores planted a group of evergreens near the medical building, and the freshmen a group of fifty-one maples in three parallel rows near the northwest entrance. The evergreens in front of the museum were planted by Prof. Fasquelle and the elms in front of the south wing, maples in front of the whole Campus by Prof. White, now President of Cornell University. Many of the original trees have died and been replaced by others, but enough remain to keep green the memory of the students and professors who left these pleasant mementos to their successors. The trees on the Campus must now number over three thousand and include many rare and beautiful specimens. The class of '61 planted a curious boulder of jasper conglomerate near the northeast entrance; the class of '69 a similar boulder in front of the recitation building, and the class of '70 a bronze statue of Franklin. From one of the most uninviting "slashings" the Campus is gradually becoming one of the most charming spots in Michigan, an encouraging example of what persistent tree planting might accomplish for every bit of waste land in the State.

THE ART MUSEUM.

Next to the impression made by external appearance of the buildings and Campus, the visitor is apt to carry away most agreeable recollections of the University Museum and the wonders of science and art stored therein. No cuts or description could give any adequate idea of it, and we can only call attention to it as something no visitor to the University should fail to see. The specimens numbering hundreds of thousands cover all branches of natural history and are constantly increasing in number. The credit of starting the art museum is due, we believe, to Prof. Frieze and the work of enriching it has been carried on by him in the face of many discouragements. An art museum as means of aesthetic culture was a thing unknown among American colleges, and the Professor urged the project with considerable anxiety as to the result. After a winter spent with much debate and laying of plans in faculty meetings, Prof. Frieze sailed for Europe in 1856, having a small sum with which to make purchases of works of art. To these first purchases others have been added from time to time, mostly through the contribution of friends, until the collection now numbers several thousands and includes many works of great value.

THE OBSERVATORY.

But the branch which has carried the fame of the University to the remotest corners of the earth, is the astronomical observatory. It has been exceptionally fortunate in its management and has given remarkably rich results in scientific discovery.

The first suggestion of an observatory in connection with the University

was made by Dr. Tappan in his inaugural address as Chancellor, in 1852. At a meeting held in Detroit a few days afterwards the Chancellor again urged the project with such success that Gen. Cass, Hon. H. N. Walker, Senator Chandler and Governor Baldwin headed a subscription for the purpose, each subscribing \$500. The Chancellor then made arrangements with Mr. Henry Fitz, of New York, for a first-class telescope to cost \$6,000, and then visited the principal observatories of Europe where

## Farm Yard Song.

BY J. T. TROWBRIDGE.

O'er the hill the farm-boy goes,  
His shadow lengthens along the land,  
A giant staff in a giant hand;  
In the poplar tree above the spring,  
The katydid begins to sing;  
The early dews are falling;  
Into the stone heap darts the mink;  
The swallows skim the river's brink;  
And home to the woodland fly the crows,  
When over the hill the farm-boy goes,  
Cheerily calling—  
"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'! oo'!"  
Farther, farther, over the hill,  
Faintly calling, calling still—  
"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'!"  
Now to her task the milkmaid goes.  
The cattle come crowding through the gate,  
Lowring, pushing, little and great;  
About the trough by the farmyard pump,  
The frolicsome yearlings frisk and jump.  
While the pleasant dews are falling;  
The new-milch heifer is quiet and shy,  
But the old cow waits with tranquil eye;  
And the white stream into the bright pail flows,  
When her the task the milkmaid goes,  
Soothingly calling—  
"So', boss! so', boss! so'! so'!"  
The cheerful milkmaid takes her stool,  
And sits and milks in the twilight cool,  
Saying, "So', boss! so'! so'!"  
To supper at last the farmer goes.  
The apples are pared, the paper read,  
The stories are told, then all to bed.  
Without the cricket's ceaseless song  
Makes shrill the silence all night long;  
The heavy dews are falling,  
The housewife's hand has turned the lock;  
Drowsily ticks the kitchen clock;  
The household sinks to deep repose;  
But still in sleep the farmboy goes  
Singing, calling,  
"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'! co'!"  
And off the milkmaid, in her dreams,  
Drums in the pail with the flashing streams  
Murmuring, "So', boss! so'!"

## THE ENSIGN'S SECRET.

From the Argosy.

Nearly sixty years ago, a young man came out of a little house at the eastern end of a town by the sea. There was plenty of life and gayety at the other end of the town, which was enlivened by one or two barracks, a fort and a castle. But the eastern end was very poor, and would have been quite lonely but for the fishermen and their boats. The house from which the young man came was beyond even this homely bustle, and was little more than a wooden hut, tarred to defend it from wind and weather. Its only near neighbor was a windmill, whose gaunt arms were almost over its humble roof; and, through its windows and doorway were clean and its curtains white, it was clearly a very poor place, where none but very poor people would live.

But the young man who came out was in full dress of a military officer, though that was screened from first view by the long gray cloak which the wild March wind made so necessary. He looked back and waved his hand toward the little house, as if he knew that somebody there was watching him, though, certainly, nobody could be seen from the outside. And then he turned and struggled against the strong gale which blew in from the sea.

He was quite young, and his face was finely cut, and would have been pleasant but for a look of stern and painful sorrow, not unmixed with bitterness, which seemed strangely incongruous with his years and his dress.

He walked on quite through the town. There were few people taking exercise for pleasure in that rough weather, and the crowd of shipping in the Downs made the seaward view almost less lonely than the shore. It was a very simple little town with red tiled decent dwelling houses crowded forward toward the sea, as if their inmates wanted to watch the boatmen and fishers from as near a point as they might. Wherever the houses broke apart, one caught glimpses of a wild flat country, dotted here and there with weird trees in Indian file; and the youth looked wistfully toward the desert fields, as if he would fain have struck away across them, instead of going on, as he did, toward the grim old fort.

Yet there, it was clear, festivity was going forward, and friendly voices greeted him as he passed the gray old portal. And then, over his stern, sad face, he dropped a mask of gayety, and though he relapsed into silence at times, he was as poite and conversible as the best of them.

There was a preparation for a dinner-party in the fine stiff old hall, with its rows of military portraits, and its dingy, bloodstained banners. The castle, the barracks and the fort itself had eagerly furnished guests to welcome the visitor of the day, a grand old general recently from honorable victories in the south of Europe.

After dinner, when the ceremony was fairly thawed, the good old general in the kindness and pride of his heart displayed a little box, which had been given him by some grande dame in Spain. It must have been too small for a snuff-box, and was probably one of those tiny trifles in which fashionable folk used to carry comfits and lozenges. At any rate, this box was set with diamonds and colored gems of rare value, and it passed from hand to hand, flashing brightly in the lamp light, while the old warrior told dread stories of his campaigns, and of the daring and honor of his men.

But suddenly, at the end of a story so thrilling that all heads had been craned toward him, while the military servants had thronged the door in rapt attention, the simple question was asked:

"Where is the general's jeweled box?"

Nobody knew; everybody said that he had silently passed it on to his fellow.

The general rumaged his own pockets, test it had found its way back to him and he had half-consciously put it away. No, it was not there, and the brave old fighting face looked a little black and murmured an excuse about "how its loss would vex Lady Elizabeth."

"But it cannot be lost, general," cried the officer in command of the fort, "In this room it was a few minutes ago, and in this room it must be still. No gentleman, to his knowledge, has it in his possession. Let the servants at the door come in, though to the best of my belief not one of them has approached

the table since the box was brought out. Let the door be made fast and let our search be thorough."

The candles were brandished to and fro, under the tables, under the chairs, round the table drapery. But from no point flashed out the brilliant beauty of the little box.

"Still it must be here," insisted the commandant, "and surely no gentleman will think his honor infringed if each in turn is asked to empty the contents of his pockets upon the table. I myself will be the first to do so. And the servants shall be the last."

Nobody could be expected to demur at so simple and sensible a proposal, backed as it was by the honest old officer instantly rattling out some crown pieces and a tobacco pouch, half-pence, and an old pipe. One after the other, the gentlemen on either side of the table followed his example, while sharp but unfriendly eyes took eager note of strange pieces of personal property, and of dainty three-cornered notes, which might serve in the future as material for banditage and quizzing.

But one drew back when the commandant made his proposal. The young man who had walked in from the eastern end of the town dropped suddenly into his seat, whence he had risen in the first eagerness of the search. He passed his hand once or twice, nervously, through his hair, leaving it wild and straggling. And then he watched blankly, as the fruitless search drew nearer and nearer to himself. Within five minutes later, one or two of the officers were whispering to each other that any simpleton might have seen he did not expect it could be found.

His turn was the very last. "Ensign Ranson," said the commandant steadily. Ensign Ranson was certainly the first who had required to be called upon by name.

The youth arose. And though the rest of his face was of a deadly whiteness, there was a spot of burning red on each cheek.

"I don't think any gentleman should be asked to do this," he said. "I will give my word of honor, that the box is not upon my person. I did not even keep it in my hands for a moment; I merely took it and passed it on."

"Too high minded to look at such gawgs," sneered a spiteful old major under his breath.

"What men high in the service and old enough to be his father have already done, Ensign Ranson may safely do also," said the commandant, with a severity which was not unkindly, for young Ranson looked such a boy among the crowd of men, mostly stout and middle-aged; and the very suspicion suddenly lowering over him made the old officer think of his own lads, growing up, and not quite sure to do well for themselves, after all.

"I would never have asked it for the sake of my box," observed the general, leaning back in his chair, and inwardly wondering what Lady Elizabeth would say of his carelessness. "But we ask it for the sake of our honored general," said the commandant testily.

"And we do not seem to have asked it needlessly," whispered the spiteful major.

"I will not do this thing!" cried young Ensign, passionately, and he looked wildly round the group, as if he sought for one face that would comprehend and compassionate his misery. The face which looked the kindest was that of the old general himself, partly because it was not his hospitality which was outraged, partly because his genial nature was terribly shocked at finding anything of his the cause of such a wretched act of dishonor.

"Colonel, we fancy you think some of us did you ill-justice then. At least, a lady says you felt so—Lady Elizabeth, the good old general's widow. If what we are going to do is in any way painful to you I hope you will pardon us, for we are only following her counsel. Colonel, there was a box lost that night. Here it is."

"Yes, there it was, gleaming once more in the light which danced gayly upon it. The colonel looked at it calmly and asked:

"Where was it found?"

"His composure was exceedingly disconcerting. Another gentleman, feeling that the first had been done his part, now took up the parable.

"It was found in the very chair on which you are now seated, colonel," he said. "You will remember that the general sat there on that night. It must have found its way back to the general's own hands, and in the interest and excitement of his own story-telling he must have intended to slip it back into his pocket, which, if you recollect, was the first place where he sought it. Instead of that it evidently escaped the proper orifice, and dropped into the covering of the chair; that covering was very thick and heavy, and hung in lappets about his legs. Part of it was unsewn, and this box dropped between the damask and lining, and remained there, safely and unseen till the chair was recovered last year."

"Gentlemen," said the colonel, with his accustomed calmness, though his lip trembled a little, "I cannot wonder if some of you thought my conduct suspicious. I thank you heartily for showing me your brotherly delight that those suspicions were unfounded."

At the bottom of the table sat the spiteful old major (he was on half pay now, and more spiteful than ever), and he thought within himself that there was no knowing whether Ensign Ranson had not taken some subsequent opportunity of getting rid of his dangerous booty into the hole in the damask, and that the mystery could not be cleared up unless the colonel had explained why he had demurred to the search. And this spiteful old major would have said so much to his nearest neighbor if he had not been so terribly deaf he could not regulate his own voice between a confidential whisper and a mighty shout.

The colonel sat in silence for some minutes and toyed with his wine-glass, as if he quite forgot where he was. Then he recalled himself with a start, and drawing some thing from his own pocket, said quietly:

"Gentlemen, I, too, have something to show you."

All pressed forward as he carefully unfolded the soft paper packet and laid something on the table. What was it? What could it be?

It was the bleached skeleton of a chicken's wing.

"Gentlemen," he said, in the same quiet voice, which no longer sounded cold and stern, but rather full of strength and sweetness, "when I was here before I was a poor fatherless lad, owning in the world but my poor little pitance of pay. I fear I was an eye-

were not unaware of his little by-play. "I pledge you my word that I am satisfied of Ensign Ranson's honor, and whoever dares to doubt him makes me to be his accomplice."

And the general seized the young ensign's arm, and marched him from the banqueting room, while every one sat dumbfounded, till the spiteful major remarked that wonders would never cease.

There was nothing more to be said. It was discovered that Ensign Ranson was not only invited to the castle with the other officers, but was also asked there by himself, and actually was believed to have taken tea with the general and Lady Elizabeth in their deepest retirement.

He was away for several years, and in the fortune of war he got rapidly promoted, so that when he returned home, though he was still young, he was no longer a poor nobody. When he landed in his own country, he found a letter awaiting him, written by one who had sat near at that memorable dinner party, and who was now residing in the old castle where the general and Lady Elizabeth had then been guests. This letter pressed him, in the warmest terms, to spend some of his earliest days in England at this very castle, and so give many old friends who were in the neighborhood an opportunity of meeting and congratulating him. Ensign, now Colonel Ranson, smiled a little strangely when he read the invitation, but wrote a very polite reply and accepted it.

The youth arose. And though the rest of his face was of a deadly whiteness, there was a spot of burning red on each cheek.

"I don't think any gentleman should be asked to do this," he said. "I will give my word of honor, that the box is not upon my person. I did not even keep it in my hands for a moment; I merely took it and passed it on."

Once more he sat in the satiny banqueting-room of the fort. This time he had not walked in from the bleak east end of the town, but he had been driven to the castle in the chariot of the castle's owner. But as he took his seat in the chair of honor, he noticed that every face at the table was, in all its changes, familiar to him. All of the guests at the former dinner were not there. Many of those, indeed, he well knew, were sleeping on battle-fields far away. But nobody was at that other one.

"Gentlemen, you can all imagine my feelings when such unluck threatened to expose my poor little plan. Gentlemen, there are some of you who were, like myself, young then—whom it would have been as hard to meet after such a discovery as it would have been, had I really stolen the jewels."

"Heaven forgive us, Ranson, but I can't say you are wrong," said one brave gentleman, who had been a fashionable dandy in those days, but who had a wife and six children now.

"Gentleman, I did not fear the old man, honored and enriched by a grateful country. The men who have fought the best battles of life have ever a pitiful respect for the poor and the friendless. To him I could lay bare my poor little secret. But my place then was among the young—the young who, having never conquered, always despise the defeated—the vain, giddy youths, extravagant with their father's money, and—"

"Oh, come, Ranson," cried one officer, "it is your turn now with a vengeance. Please to remember that to-night we are the abject and the defeated—and be merciful."

The colonel laughed. And they could not tell whether it was with good faith or subtle irony that he rejoined, "You are right," and then went on:

"In that little room yonder I told my sad story to that good, great man who is gone. And I folded up my queer treasure for I could not leave it behind to bear witness; and, besides, having paid such a terrible price for it, I did not see why my aunt should not have it. And she ate it for her supper that very night, and next morning, almost as soon as it was light, there was the general, hammering at the cottage door, with a basket of fowls and fruit, carried in his own hand. And then and there, I took this little chicken bone, and vowed that I would keep it till the snuff-box was found, and I myself was such a man among such men that none would smile at my poverty, or even despise my weakness."

Do not be too sure that there can be but one sort of reason for secrecy and that a bad one. We should never think evil while it is possible for us to imagine good. Perhaps it is because God knows of so much goodness, which we never hear about, that He has patience with the world.

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sore to some of you. I think you felt that my appearance did not do justice to the dignity of my regiment. I believe I often looked rather shabby, but in reality I could not help it. I had only one relative in the world, and that was my mother's sister. After my mother died she had been as a mother to me, but when our home was finally broken up, there was nothing for it but she must be a governess in a stranger's house. And she did her work courageously and carefully enough till her strength failed and nobody wanted the services of a sick woman."

"She had always been good to me. And we two had only each other in the world. I could not help her as she ought to have been helped, but my pay would at least provide her such a home and such a maintenance as a poor working woman. I took my aunt to lodge with the wife of the miller's man in the little black cottage beside the hill. She was a kind, cleanly woman, though rough and plain in her ways, and my aunt used to call herself happy there. But she could not eat the simple food my scanty means could procure. And the good landlady used to break my heart by suggesting that her appetite might be tempted by chicken or game, or such other luxuries beyond my utmost reach."

"All the day of that memorable dinner-party my aunt had been very feeble and failing. When I left her I really wondered whether she would be alive when I saw her again. My soul revolted at the sight of dainties which were of no good to me, and which I could not convey to her who seemed dying for the want of them. Suddenly a bright idea seized me. I took a letter from my pocket and spread it on my napkin, and then, by an adroit movement, transferred the wing of a chicken from my plate to the paper, and thence smuggled it to my pocket."

The listening guests began to look at each other with enlightened eyes. The spiteful old major felt that a very full explanation was being given, and he need not hear it!

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## Local Matters.

—Illness will prevent Mr. Laible from preaching to-morrow.

—The Ann Arbor Methodists have a Young People's Society.

—The Mission Circle made about \$20 by the Couthouy entertainment.

—Don't forget the supper of the "Busy Bees" to-night, at Batchelder's Hall.

—Bishop Gillespie administered the rite of confirmation to five ladies, at St. Luke's church, on Sunday morning.

—The Frog Opera is drawing crowded houses in Detroit. This afternoon and evening are the last chances to go.

—The Little Gleaners will give an oyster supper and fair in the basement of the Presbyterian church, on Friday evening next.

—The "Busy Bee" society will give an oyster supper, this evening, for the benefit of the poor of this city. Supper from 5 to 9. Tickets, 25 cents.

—The youngest member of the Mission Circle is Miss Richmond, aged, at the time of joining (on Wednesday morning), something less than twelve hours.

—It will be seen that Ditson & Co. have published Sullivan's new comic opera, "H. M. S. Pinafow," which will be found a very pleasant parlor amusement for an evening.

—The officers of the Light Guard rejoice in new epaulets, swords and belts, and they propose to display these accoutrements when they parade on Washington's birthday.

—The Rev. J. T. Sunderland will lecture at New Jerusalem Chapel, on Sunday at 3, p.m. Subject: "Is the race a fallen race? If so, has the race fallen upward or downward?"

—Mr. E. M. Comstock will conduct the conference at the Methodist Young People's Society, on Monday evening next. The subject is, "The Christian Life and Prayer."

—Next Monday evening the Presbyterian Young People's Society will hold a conference conducted by C. S. W. Baldwin. The question of popular amusements will receive further attention.

—Mr. H. P. Glover is now selling out his entire stock of goods at prices that must carry them off within thirty days. A new plate glass front and extensive changes in the store is the cause.

—The trial of Mr. Murray, of Saline, before the Detroit Presbytery, during the present week, resulted in the suspension of that gentleman from all the functions of a minister of the gospel.

—The office of Carr's Hotel has been adorned by a Mortimer Patent Hotel Revolving Advertising Desk, manufactured by Henry C. Whitney, Ashland Block, Chicago, and sold by Eugene Adams.

—Hewitt & Champion are patiently waiting for the architect to draw them a plan of the new plate glass front and side windows for their store. E. M. Comstock & Co. will also be treated to a plate glass front.

—The people round about Denton's are in luck. They are all invited to Mr. H. C. Woolger's auction sale, to take place one and one-half miles east of the Denton's postoffice. Mr. C. L. Yost will perform the introductions.

—When the Ypsilanti City Band make their annual parade to-day, in honor of Washington's birthday, we hope they will not, as in former parades, maintain a discrete silence at the corner of Huron and Cross streets.

—The Register reports the following real estate transfers:

Patrick Donovan to Mary O'Brien, land in section 33, Superior; \$4,000. Henry Doty to Delaphene Doty, (quitclaim) land in section 33 Augustas; \$600. Frances E. Crosby to Joseph S. McIntyre, (quitclaim) land in Ypsilanti city; \$70.

—The Red Ribbon Club, who, by the way, have gained a reputation for giving pleasant parties, will give a neck-tie ball, at Red Ribbon Hall, Monday evening next. Five prizes (now on exhibition in E. Samson's window) will be given away. The bill is 50 cents.

—The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will give an entertainment on Wednesday evening, Feb. 26, at Good Templars' Hall, Jenness' Block, over Sampson's hardware store, to consist of readings by Miss Alla Wise, music, etc. It is expected that Miss Moore will give us some selections from her lecture on the subject of "Home Art." Closing with a social. Admission, 10 cents. All are invited. By order of the Secretary.

THE ESSENCE OF MEANNESS.—At the last Normal Public Lyceum the then chairman of the Committee on Order had occasion to quiet two boys, who had come with the evident intention of making a noise. So great was the disturbance created that Prof. Estabrook felt called on to interfere; his action was characteristically vigorous and the boys were seen no more that evening. A week later, however, they once more attended the Lyceum, and after the exercises they followed the chairman before adverted to. One of the boys, using the knowledge he had picked up in the drug store in which he is employed, had armed his companion with a bottle of strong acid, and when all parties were passing the Catholic church, the acid was thrown over the clothes of the committee man, thereby ruining his overcoat. The next day the case was put into the hands of Deputy-Sheriff Shemeld, and it was not long before the evidence was complete. When the boys found that they were caught, they settled the matter with the committee man as best they might, and we trust that they were compelled to pay enough to keep them out of mischief in future.

—The souls of small students in geography may find themselves at once amused and instructed by one of the globes which are for sale at Mr. E. Samson's. At first sight nothing but the sphere is to be seen, but it can be opened and contains a foot of tin and an axis upon which it revolves according to rule. An additional charm to the infant mind will be found in the fact that, besides the comprehensive view of seas and continents upon the outside, the inside may be also used as a receptacle of small stray treasures, such as bits of pencil and various other studious necessities. For sale by E. Samson. Price, 85 cents.

—Professor Olney, of Ann Arbor, was honored with a large audience at the temperance meeting last Sunday afternoon. He made a strong plea for a more candid consideration of the question than has heretofore been given it on the part of the business and professional man, the politician, and the press. A recent editorial in the *Post and Tribune*, which attempted to be little the statistical investigations into the subject, by such men as Hon. W. E. Dodge and Dr. Hargreaves (the latter being the author of "Our Wasted Resources"), received a very severe and sarcastic criticism at the hands of the speaker. The Professor gave some very startling figures himself, during the course of the address, to prove his statement that the question of the abolition of the dram shop was of more importance to the welfare of the country than all other questions of finance, taxation, etc., combined. The address seemed to give very general satisfaction, as the audience gave close attention and frequently applauded the utterances of the speaker.

### PERSONALS.

Mr. Wm. Shipman has been absent on a visit to Chelsea.

Mrs. Edna Chaffee Noble, of Detroit, attended the Couthouy readings.

While in this city, Miss Couthouy was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Van Tuyl.

Mr. Anson C. Town, of Three Rivers, was in the city during the first of the week.

As Mr. Edwin Tate was passing the Barton House, on Wednesday last, he slipped and fell, breaking his wrist.

Mr. Jess E. Saxon was one of the reception committee at the Detroit Light Guard levee, on Wednesday evening last.

Mr. Geo. McElheran returned from Chicago on Thursday, and the fruits of his visit will soon be seen in the furniture rooms of Mack & Mack.

Prof. McLouth, of the State Normal school delivered a lecture entitled "The Mammoth Cave," before the teachers of Moncalm county at their recent meeting in Greenville.

Mr. C. V. Ganson passed an excellent examination, and was admitted to the bar in Kent Circuit Court yesterday. He is a promising young man, and will be a real addition to the profession of his choice. —*Grand Rapids Eagle.*

Mr. C. F. Ludden, traveling agent of the *Evening News*, has been in town, during the week, working up the subscription list of the *News and Echo*. Mr. Ludden organized the Ypsilanti Division of the Sons of Temperance, and attended the meeting of the Lodge, on Tuesday evening.

From the *Lansing Republic*, we learn that at the Reform Club anniversary held in Lansing, last Sunday afternoon, Capt. E. P. Allen, of Ypsilanti, said that the time is not far distant when no drinking man can be elected to the Legislature. He spoke of the determination of Senator Chandler to have nothing but tea, coffee, and cold water at his reception. [Deafening applause.] Mr. Allen's idea is to use the power of law to quell the liquor traffic.

### THE NEW BLOCK.

Not a day goes by without bringing some new plan to add to the beauty or the usefulness of the new block. The architect, Mr. Marsh, of Detroit (who is also the architect of the new Grand Rapids city hall), brought with him on his Wednesday's visit, a front elevation of the block. The stores are to be three stories in height (a point which had not been decided in regard to all the buildings when last we wrote), with plate glass fronts and stone panneled pillars. The brick arches above the upper windows will be finished with cut stone key-stones, and will be supported by brick pilasters. The basements, eight feet in height, will extend four feet under the flagstone sidewalk, and will be lighted by small corrugated glass bulls-eyes set in iron work in the walk. No unsightly sheds that masquerade under the name of awnings, will be allowed in front of the stores. In the centre of the block there will be an elevation containing the name (not yet decided on) of the block and the year of its erection; the numbers will probably run with the block, as for instance, "No. 2, Union Block." The seventh store will be added by Mr. C. M. Harris (who also builds the second and third stores) and the upper floors will be used for hotel purposes. It is said that the offices in this block, with their 12-foot ceilings, will be the finest in town. An 11-foot hall will run north and south through the building, and will be crossed by an 8-foot hall, to which an outside entrance on Washington street will give access. In the third floor of C. Harris' stores two halls, each 21x60 feet, will be furnished for society purposes. The land for the opera house has been bought by substantially the same persons that build the stores; it will have a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 100 feet, and will seat not less than 1,000 people. There will be no stores in the front portion. It is now thought that the hotel will be made still more attractive by a veranda on three sides of the square made by the fact that the hotel will extend, on both sides of Mr. Hawkins' residence, to the street. This veranda will be carried up three stories in true Southern style. The Hawkins House will be moved the first of the week.

### THE NEW INDUSTRY.

YPSILANTI, February 19, 1879.  
MR. EDITOR:—I noticed in your paper of Feb. 15th an article headed "A New Industry," and as there is urgent need of industry and also of enterprise, whereby industry can be encouraged, I, with others, would like to have you or your contributors give us a full outline of this business in which Mr. Murby has for several years been engaged. It seems of a kind to require the labor of a class of people who often find it difficult to obtain employment, and who are ready and anxious to work whenever the opportunity is afforded.

It is a well known to farmers and others that the one item of good woolen yarn for socks, mittens, etc., is almost a thing of the past; that with the yarn now common on sale one week of ordinary wear causes the heels and toes of the modern woolen sock not only to collapse but totally to disintegrate.

Tradition tells of times before banks were much in vogue that a good stout stocking used to answer the purpose of a savings bank. Now that we have a gold and silver currency again, why can't we have a better and a sounder basis for socks, mittens, etc., so that in case storage is needed for cash the thread would be strong enough to hold up a three-cent-piece?

As I understand it a comparatively small amount of money would give this business a fair trial. Such enterprises are encouraged and successful in other places. Let us know what there is to hinder the foundation of a company here where farmers and others have some spare capital waiting a safe investment; where also farmers can have their wool manufactured into yarn and have knit goods manufactured of genuine stock, and patterns and colors of their own choice. Then also those whose labor is their capital can have an opportunity to invest and be a benefit to themselves and the community.

Let us hear more on this and kindred subjects.

Yours truly,

"FARMERS."

YPSILANTI, Feb. 19, 1879.

*Editor Commercial:*—In last week's issue, I noticed an article headed "A New Industry," referring to the manufacture of knit goods by Mr. E. Murby. I write this communication more as an addition to that, for the purpose of keeping the matter before the citizens of Ypsilanti, than for any intrinsic merit it may contain. It would seem to me, and I think, to every person who is interested in the growth and prosperity of our city, that to secure this enterprise at this point is an object much to be desired, not only for the extra amount of business added and money brought in, but for many other reasons, a very few of which please allow me to lay before your readers.

1st. Directly in the interest of the farmer is the fact that this business will consume a very large proportion of the wool which naturally comes to this market, and by having a home consumption for his wool the farmer can safely rely upon much better prices and when it goes through the hands of middle men. Besides this, he has the advantage of knowing that a better discrimination in the quality will be used, the grower having good, clean, light wool will stand a better chance of getting its full value, than when selling in the ordinary manner, when a margin of only two to five cents is allowed between the coarser and finer grades. So much for wool.

2d. It offers good, paying and honorable employment for a large class of persons who find it difficult to get work and carry out their other designs at the same time. There are a good many poor but ambitious young women who are trying hard to get an education and fit themselves for respectable positions in society, whose parents are not able to afford the time or money needed for this purpose. This enterprise, if we are successful in securing it, will enable from thirty to fifty, and perhaps more, to employ their spare hours outside of school, and at home in the evening, and to earn enough to buy their clothing and school books at least.

3d. It will give employment to a large number of both boys and girls, besides machinists and other men around the establishment. In fact, it would seem a branch of trade which, if rightly managed, would give employment to quite an army, or regiment at least, of those who of necessity are now nearly idle. This point alone should recommend it to the capitalist, the business man and the philanthropist.

4th. Again, every person is anxious to see more money coming in than there is going out. This should be the general wish as a city, as well as for our individual pockets. This business will have that effect to a very great extent, and as the manufacturer receives the money for his product he pays a large share of it to his operatives, who, in turn, pay it out to the merchant, the grocer, the book dealer, and, in fact, every class of trade will receive its proportion, unless perhaps it may be the saloons, which steady employment may bereave of some of their present customers.

Hoping to see more and better arguments in favor of this enterprise, until it shall have become a fixed certainty, I subscribe myself Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM G. SHIPMAN.

Ypsilanti, Feb. 19, 1879.

—*HERE AND THERE.*

Holman's Patent Liver Pad is sold only by E. Samson.

A gentleman, whom we can recommend as to qualifications, desires employment at bookkeeping, for either a portion or the whole of his time. Inquire at this office.

Roehm & Wright's stock of jewelry and fancy goods is well worth seeing.

Try Holman's Liver Pad. E. Samson will sell you one.

Wedding parties and entertainments furnished with camp chairs and lunch stands.

WALLACE & CLARKE.

A handsome cut glass bottle given away with every ounce of perfume at Ingram's, opp. depot.

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E. Samson is the sole agent in Ypsilanti for Holman's Patent Liver Pad.

Paper of good quality at 5cts a quire and everything else proportionately cheap at Ingram's, opp. depot.

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Be wise to-day. It is folly and madness to neglect a cough or cold, however slight. Consumption may follow. The Great English Cough Remedy never fails.

Everybody who has used Holman's Patent Liver Pad will do without it. E. Samson is the only druggist in Ypsilanti who has them for sale.

Messrs. Roehm & Wright, of Detroit, have a store full of the latest novelties in jewelry. Their stock of watches and clocks is not surpassed in the State. Moreover, they are always glad to see visitors, and are to be found on Woodward avenue, nearly opposite the City Hall.

Box Paper from 10¢ a box upwards at Ingram's, opp. depot.

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Chew Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco.

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USE CAUTION.—In calling for that excellent medicine, the Great English Cough Remedy, be sure you get no other palmed off on you.

THE ROSE OF DEATH.—Do not wait until the hectic flush which indicates advanced consumption appears on the cheek. Check the hard cough and heal the irritated lungs with *Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar*, before the crisis comes. Be in time. Sold by all Druggists.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 minute. feb

Albums, a large assortment. You will save money by getting my prices before purchasing. Fred F. Ingram, opp. depot. 781

If you want Clothes or Hair Brushes, Combs, Toilet Soaps, or Holiday Goods, you will save money and get the bottom prices by calling on Ingram, opp. depot. 781

—Be sure to call on Roehm & Wright whenever you want Jewelry or Silver ware.

### MORTGAGE SALE.

Whereas Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage executed by Albert F. Arndt and Sarah Arndt his wife to Zelma Stover (named in said mortgage as Mrs. Solomon Stover) which bears date the sixteenth day of October, A. D. 1873, and recorded on the twenty-ninth day of October, 1877, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Washtenaw County, Michigan, in liber 45 of mortgages, on page 578, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice Two Hundred and Sixty-Six Dollars (\$266) and an attorney fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30) provided for in said mortgage, and the sum so due and unpaid has been deposited at law or in equity to recover the sum secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the mortgaged premises described in said mortgage, on Monday, the fifth day of April, A. D. 1878, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the south door of the Court House in the city of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, and the said mortgaged premises are described in said mortgage as follows: Lot number Three (3) in Patten's Addition to the City of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan.

Dated December 6th, A. D. 1878.

ZELMA STOVER,  
W. L. CARPENTER, Mortgagor.  
Att'y for Mortgagor. 770-782

### MORTGAGE SALE.

By a mortgage bearing date the 6th day of April, A. D. 1871, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County, Michigan, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1872, at ten o'clock a. m., in liber 43 of Mortgages, on page 451, John Lithiser and Christian Lithiser, his wife [then] and son, jointly mortgaged to Henry W. Ellsworth, in the township of Superior, county and State of Michigan, the sum of One hundred and five dollars (\$105) for the payment of taxes on the property described in said mortgage, and no proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted for the recovery of the amount due on said mortgage, any part thereof; therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained in said mortgage, and no proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted for the recovery of the same, or any part thereof, therefore, notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained in said mortgage, and no proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted for the recovery of the same, or any part thereof, therefore,